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AG refuses to get tangled in budget row

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Attorney General Edward Manibusan declined on Friday to referee the dispute between the House of Representatives and Senate over proposed provisions in a contested fiscal year 2016 budget bill, about three days after the lawmakers went on recess to await his opinion.



Manibusan

Lawmakers remain in disagreement over the Senate's proposed use of earmarked funds set aside for the Marianas Visitors Authority. The House believes this is unconstitutional, but the Sen-

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CW worker gets FEMA assistance

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency insists that foreign workers do not qualify for individual assistance but, in the scramble of

thousands of applicants being processed, it seems that one did manage to fall through the cracks.

» **FEMA says they may be required to return funds**

A foreign worker on Saipan who holds a CNMI-only (CW) immigration status was able to receive financial

assistance from FEMA even if he/she does not have a U.S. citizen child who would have made him/her qualified.

According to the foreign worker, who agreed to speak on the condition of anonymity, he/she went through the same process as everyone else

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CASINO TOUR

Best Sunshine International Ltd. officials play host to various local tour agents on Friday to introduce them to the casino's temporary live training facility at the T Galleria on Saipan.

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CUC lowers fuel charge due to falling oil prices

Following a drop in average fuel prices, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will decrease the fuel adjustment charge pass-through rate, or FAC, known previously

as the levelized energy adjustment clause or LEAC.

The current FAC fuel charge of \$.16699 per kWh will decrease to \$.14445 per kWh effective Sept. 1. As a result, residential customers who use 445 kWh of power per month will pay approximately \$10 less in their monthly billing.

CUC first instituted LEAC in 2009 to recover fuel and fuel related costs, a system also used by power providers in Guam and the Virgin Islands. In May

2015, the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission authorized CUC to change the name of LEAC to FAC to provide customers a more accurate description of the rate.

The FAC is used to purchase fuel and serves as one of the

two components that make up a CUC power bill. The second rate component is the electric base rate, which is used to fund operations, projects, and debt servicing.

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Local

Cruise liner to return to Pagan, Maug next year

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The *Silver Explorer* cruise liner will be returning to the Northern Islands in June of 2016 and

2017, according to Northern Islands Mayor Jerome K. Aldan. He said the cruise liner's re-

turn trip is largely due to the "Discover Pagan" promotion and marketing effort.

The *Silver Explorer* first visited the Northern Islands in September last year and has chosen to visit Pagan and Maug next year and the year after.

Both trips will carry passengers from Europe, the United States, and Asia on a two-weeklong voyage, according to Aldan and Gordon Marciano of Pacific Development Inc. PDI is the local ground agent for *Silver Explorer*. Participants will be visiting the islands to bird watch.

"Unlike last year's inaugural voyage to Pagan, next year's cruise will feature a maiden stopover in Maug the next day after a ground tour on Pagan Island," Aldan said.

The cruise vessel will also stop by Guam in 2016 and 2017, as it did in 2014.

"Guam's former archaeologist Dave Lotz joined the 12-day inaugural voyage last September from Japan to Pagan, down to Saipan and Tinian, and then disembarked in Guam. He had to take a plane to Japan to take the cruise liner back to Guam," he added.

Also interested in visiting the Northern Islands is Japan's Seisa group of school.

Aldan said that Seisa col-

lege's spokesperson, Kuniko Sasaki, recently expressed an interest in a summer study tour of Pagan, adding to the group's annual education and cultural exchange program with Marianas High School on Saipan.

Others have also shown an interest in a safari adventure on the frontier islands, including the High Pointers climbers based in the U.S. This year the group made a successful climb atop the Agrigan peak, after its initial attempt was foiled the year before.

The group plans another ascent of the peak next year.

"More interested individuals include Oleg Tchernychenko, a Russian tour agent from Belka Tours, who personally visited my office in July this year to discuss the feasibility of an Anatahan tour," Aldan said.

"Tchernychenko expressed interest in organizing and marketing individual or group tours to the Northern Islands of Anatahan," he added. "There is really big interest in touring our Northern Islands and it is great for eco-tourism, sightseeing, and many other activities that a lot of tourists and visitors can enjoy."



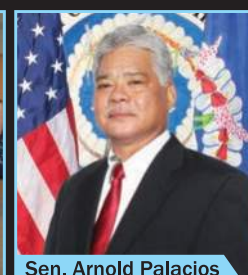
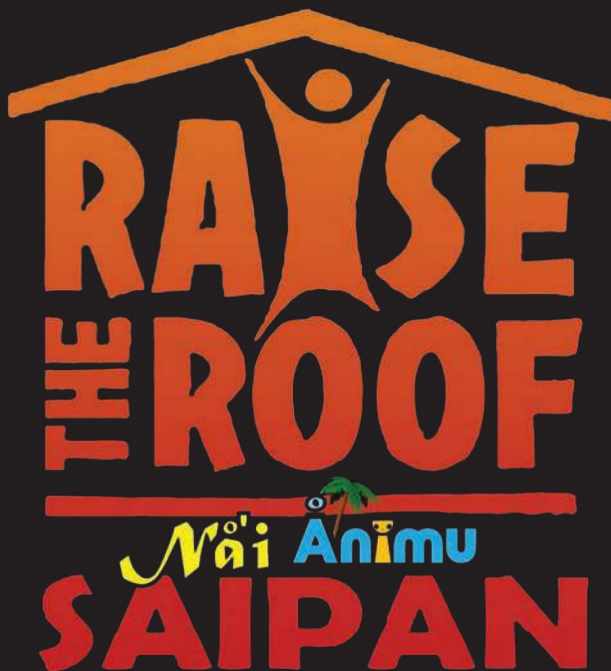
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TCGCC still waiting for TEC fee and documents

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The Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission is still waiting for Tinian Entertainment Co.'s submission of fee and documents that was past due since Sept. 9, 2015.

TEC is the new owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, which said it will close at the end of this month.

TCGCC executive director Lucia Blanco-Maratita said as of Friday, Sept. 11, TEC still has not paid the additional investigative fees nor submitted the documents that were due on Sept. 9.

"This means that the investigations may be delayed because the deadline has again come and gone without action on the applicant's part," Blanco-Maratita said.

At this point the application has been deemed substantially complete as of Sept. 4, 2015.

According to Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, TEC has to deposit with TCGCC an additional \$100,000 refundable investigative fund no later than Sept. 9.

TEC and its parent company, Chinese Strategic Holdings Ltd., submitted its application for a casino license last Sept. 3, but the documents were actually

due on Aug. 24, 2015. Documents required to be submitted by Sept. 4 are still pending as of Sept. 7.

"While the commission understands the concerns of the Tinian leadership about the closure of the Dynasty, the commission is also very cognizant of its responsibility of ensuring that only suitable persons are given a casino license," Blanco-Maratita said.

She said this means that until the suitability investigations are conducted and unless applicants are found suitable, no casino license can be issued.

"The commission stands firm that it will do what it can to

expeditiously process Chinese Strategic Holdings Ltd./TEC's casino license application but will not compromise the strict regulatory process that must be adhered to," she said.

At this point, Blanco-Maratita said, if the applicants complies and pays the investigative fees by the deadline of Sept. 9, investigators will be able to conduct their interviews of the applicants and review all necessary records of the entities in Hong Kong this month.

Once TCGCC receives the investigators' preliminary report, and if the applicants are found suitable by TCGCC based on that preliminary report, Chinese

Strategic and TEC will be given an interim casino authorization while suitability is being completed, Blanco-Maratita said.

She noted that if at the end of all the suitability review—including a review of company's business plan, financial ability, ability to successfully operate a casino with integrity, among others—TCGCC finds that all parties are "suitable" under the requirements of the Gaming Act, then they will be granted a casino license.

In related news, TCGCC held its monthly meeting last Wednesday. Blanco-Maratita said that TCGCC granted a waiver on the three non-execu-

tive board of directors of Chinese Strategic with conditions.

"TEC requested a waiver under TCGCC regulations where certain board of directors may be waived from the requirement of being qualified (being required to apply and be found suitable) if they are not going to be significantly involved in the activities of the applicant. This means they do not have to apply for suitability," she said.

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos and other typhoon recovery, education, and telecommunication officials shout a big "thank you" to the Government of Guam for their \$35,000 in donated goods to aid those in need following Typhoon Soudelor.

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'Thank you, Guam!'

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REPORTER

Standing beside thousands of dollars of donated goods unloaded from a 40-foot Matson container, Gov. Eloy S. Inos on Thursday thanked the Government of Guam for their continued support in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor.

Noting the "generous contribution of our brothers and sisters in Guam," Inos thanked Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo, Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio, government staff, and the entire people of Guam for their generosity.

"And their willingness to come to the rescue when a sister island is in need," Inos added.

He said the goods unloaded

that day represent Guam's "understanding of what we need out here."

The Matson container was filled end to end with food, school, and hygiene products, among others. Inos joined other government and typhoon relief effort leaders on Thursday at the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, where the supplies were unloaded.

The donations will go directly to the students and the people being assisted by the American Red Cross.

"We certainly appreciate the foresight," Inos said.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan also thanked the government and people of Guam on behalf of the students,

teachers, and staff of the CNMI Public School System.

"Like the governor, I do agree that all these goods we are receiving will go a long way, and close the gaps where the needs are. ... Again thank you so much for all the support you have given us," Sablan said.

American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsch cited the strong inter-island relationships in the Marianas region.

"There is a strong history of mutual aid between our islands," he said. "We are just so grateful to the people of Guam and to their administration for supporting those most desperately in need of help here in the Marianas."

"Hopefully, through the Red Cross and its partners, our state and federal partners, we can continue to do the great relief work we have been doing over the last six weeks," Hirsch said.

On Inos' request for a "big shout out," the government and relief effort officials gathered gave a loud "Thank You!" to the people of Guam, at the close of last Thursday's press event.

Immediately after Typhoon Soudelor devastated Saipan, Gov. Calvo, through the Office of Lt. Gov. Tenorio, along with GovGuam employees, initiated various boot drives that raised more than \$35,000 that was used to purchase nonperishable food items and other goods for Saipan.

Matson Shipping Co. donated the shipping services and saw to the departure of the container on Sept. 4 bound for Saipan.

FEMA

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and registered through FEMA's hotline during the first week of August.

"I said, 'I'm not a U.S. citizen but I'm a contract worker here in Saipan,'" the foreign worker told *Saipan Tribune*, recalling the phone interview.

They advised the worker to wait for the pamphlet as well as the inspection.

More than 10 days after the inspection, the CW worker was able to receive an approval letter stating that they approved the worker's rental and property assistance worth almost \$4,000.

The foreign worker said s/he was glad when the assistance arrived but just a day after, he/she read in the newspapers that CWs are not eligible to receive FEMA assistance. He/she immediately went back to FEMA's Disaster Recovery Center to ask what's going on.

"I asked them, 'What will I do? Because I don't want to be in trouble with you guys in the long run,'" the foreign worker said.

In the end, they told the work-

er to just hold on to the money for awhile.

Asked for a comment on why a CW worker was able to receive assistance, FEMA's external affairs officer Veronica Verde said, "That's on a case-by-case [basis] as far as who receives FEMA assistance. I couldn't be able to answer your question."

She added that she couldn't verify what kind of assistance the foreign worker got but couldn't discuss the case due to privacy reasons.

"I would have to really look into their case just to see what that was and why they qualified," Verde said.

She pointed out that the foreign worker could have a child who is a U.S. citizen, which would then make him/her qualified, but the worker told *Saipan Tribune* that he/she doesn't have one.

According to the foreign worker, he/she just wants to know what to do with the money. If he/she is asked to return it, the worker said he/she would do so.

"I really can't do anything; it's their money. I would return it but that's sad," the foreign worker said.

Verde said those who aren't eligible may be required to return funds.

"Applicants who received money for which they're not entitled to can be required to return it. Applicants who sign the declaration and release form stating they're eligible, while knowing that they're not will be committing fraud," Verde said.

If there is any doubt on the part of the applicant, they can always call FEMA back, she added.

When asked if they will be looking into their system to check on the ineligible ones that got assistance, Verde said that those who know of someone committing fraud may report it to FEMA.

Register despite immigration status

Though FEMA's assistance can only be provided to U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, and qualified aliens, the agency still encourages all those who suffered damage due to Soudelor to register regardless of their status.

"Even if they're not eligible for FEMA assistance due to immigration status, they may be

eligible from exempt programs such as assistance from volunteer agencies," Verde said.

"We do want to encourage people [to register] because even if they are not, or if they don't have that immigration status that would qualify them for FEMA, we will refer them to other agencies for unmet needs," Verde added.

Regardless of worker classification or immigration status, all survivors are eligible for short-term, non-cash, in-kind emergency disaster relief programs such as assistance from voluntary agencies, FEMA Community Service Programs, such as Disaster Legal Services and Crisis Counseling, and emergency assistance, such as emergency food and water.

"It's much better to register. If applicants turn out to be ineligible, registering has cost them nothing but a very small amount of time," federal coordinating officer Stephen M. DeBlasio Sr. said.

Survivors are encouraged to apply for assistance by calling 800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585. Online registration is also available at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

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ate maintains it is within their legislative authority and previous budget bills have done the same.

In their budget bill, the Senate directs the Marianas Visitors Authority to move about \$2.5 million of their earmarked funds to the local hospital and Division of Customs. These earmarks are set outside the pot of funds Gov. Eloy S. Inos declared as "subject to appropriations" for next fiscal year's budget.

In a letter to Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Manibusan declined to provide a legal opinion on the question presented by Sablan in his letter to the AG on Tuesday.

The House had asked Manibusan if a budget bill could legally appropriate funds from earmarks set as "outside sources" and not identified by Inos and the House or Senate in setting the budget ceiling at \$145 million.

"While my office has provide written comments on multiple bills that have been introduced in the Legislature, I decline to provide an opinion or offer comments on a dispute between the Senate and House over legislative authority," Manibusan said.

"I take note that the issue regarding legislative authority over appropriation arose during a conference committee deliberation on the FY 2016 budget.

"The Commonwealth Constitution places on my office the

responsibility of providing legal advice to the governor and the executive departments (including public corporations and autonomous agencies.). As the governor routinely requests, my office will have an opportunity to review and comment on HB 19-86 when it passes the Legislature and is forwarded to the governor for disposition."

As Manibusan offers legal advice to Inos, he could still comment on the constitutionality of the Senate's provisions if these provisions remained in the budget once it arrives on Inos' desk for signature.

The House and Senate are expected to continue their budget talks today.

Two weeks ago, a bicameral conference committee began talks to resolve their difference on the fiscal 2016 budget. They held their last meeting on Tuesday and went on recess to await Manibusan's response.

The House says the Senate's use of earmarked funds is unconstitutional.

The Senate says it has been done before, and even if purportedly unconstitutional, the provisions cannot be subject to judicial review by the courts.

In a Senate conferees statement on the ongoing budget talks, the Senate says similar suspensions of appropriations, earmarks, and allotments were included in past budget acts.

In a statement to the media last Thursday, senators noted provisions within fiscal year 2015, 2014, and 2013 budget bills that they said suspended or applied funds from earmarks to pay for salary increases or other accounts, among others.

cost of fuel used in the calculation of the FAC rate.

CPUC conducts periodic reviews of CUC's fuel charges to ensure that consumers pay no more or less than the actual cost of fuel. CNMI consumers have experienced an almost 50-percent decline in the FAC since mid-2014. (CUC)

CUC

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ity to adjust the FAC rate based on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the Mean of Platts Singapore monthly pricing equals or exceeds 4.5-percent of the average per gallon

Torres' office tasked to support long-term recovery

Gov. Eloy S. Inos has assigned the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to be the primary agency in coordinating governmental support and assistance to CNMI C.A.R.E.: Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts.

The recently formed group is an independent organization composed of a diverse array of non-government organizations, faith-based groups, and non-profit foundations from around the community and has been meeting weekly to implement a strategic plan for long-term recovery and multi-hazard mitigation.

"I see great potential in the recently formed CNMI C.A.R.E. organization who have come together to combine the unique strengths and momentum of the various community organizations to rebuilding our island. It is the faith I have in this organization and in you that I ask that your office be the key agency tasked with coordinating government support and assistance to CNMI C.A.R.E.," Inos said in his Sept. 10 memorandum to Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres.

CNMI C.A.R.E.'s mission is to "build a resilient community and to identify, facilitate, and deliver resources and long-term support to address the unmet needs of individuals and families impacted by disaster."

Torres welcomed the opportunity to assist in the efforts of CNMI C.A.R.E. "I have seen a lot of progress being made in the delivery of critical relief supplies through the multi-agency collaboration possible through C.A.R.E. As we progress to the more intensive and complex long-term rebuilding of Saipan, the collaboration and community spirit that C.A.R.E. represents and fosters is absolutely crucial."

Torres said he is glad that the organization is and remains community-led and will be available to support and assist when asked. "My office is available for the needs of the organization," he said. "They have tremendous momentum and there are many ways we build upon each other's successes to rebuild and improve our island."

The general meeting of CNMI C.A.R.E. will be Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 2pm in the Governor's Office. **(PR)**

OPM chief Seman OK'd as custodian for son

Brett Somorang Seman, a 26-year-old man who allegedly hit the rear of a car that had given a ride to his girlfriend, was released on Friday after posting bail.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho allowed Seman to post \$2,500 cash bail—just 10 percent of the \$25,000 cash bail—and \$22,500 in unsecured bond.

Seman's father, Office of Personnel Management director Isidro K. Seman, was deemed a suitable third party custodian.

Arraignment will be on Sept. 21 at 9am.

Brett Seman was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon and disturbing the peace. Assistant public defender Tillman Clark served as his counsel.

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government at the bail hearing.

Police report that police Sgt. Edward Ayuyu was heading east toward Dandan along Flame Tree Road last Sept. 3 at 3:59am when he saw two vehicles on the opposite lane.

Ayuyu observed a gray car had damage on the rear bumper, which was dragging on the road.

A white Mazda pickup truck, being driven by Seman, had no headlights and was too close to the car.

Ayuyu pursued the two vehicles. The car stopped and was overtaken by the truck.

When the truck stopped along Adobo Drive in Koberville, Seman, who was the driver, yelled at Ayuyu to check the car because, according to him, it hit his truck.

The car, a Nissan Maxima, had damage on the rear and bumper. The truck, a Mazda, had minor damage on the front, police said.

Police learned that Seman had chased and hit the rear of the car where his girlfriend took a ride. Apparently she asked the owner of the car to drop her off at her house because Seman was too drunk. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Intoxicated man allegedly punches another

An intoxicated 23-year-old man allegedly punched a man who was watching a generator for a poker building in Garapan, and kicked three parked vehicles early morning of Sept. 2.

Peterson Joseph Keju was arrested that same day. He was then released pending further police investigation.

On Thursday, police served Keju with an arrest warrant for assault and battery, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace.

His bail was set at \$5,000 cash. Preliminary hearing is on Sept. 16.

Assistant public defender Tillman Clark was appointed as counsel for Keju. Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government.

Police detective Rhonda C. John stated in her report that police received a call from a staff at Viva Poker in western Garapan about an assault incident on Sept. 2 at 2:34am.



John said three police officers responded and were told that the suspect had just left.

At 3:01am, two officers spotted Keju, who then stated he was intoxicated and that a man kicked him in the face at Best Poker.

Paul Eric Dizon, a security guard, told police that when he opened his car parked next to Viva Poker, he saw Keju walk straight to Rufino Castro Jr., who was sitting down and looking at his cell phone, and punched him in the face.

Dizon took out his issued-baton and shouted at Keju to stop.

Keju walked away and kicked Dizon's car and two other parked cars. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**



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UFO distributes relief items to villages



Members of the United Filipino Organization, with the help of the Emon Lodge, distributed relief items to various villages last Saturday.

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REPORTER

The United Filipino Organization distributed relief items to villages last Saturday, with nine groups fanning out to various parishes and houses to personally hand out the items.

According to UFO president Bong Malasarte, they were able to distribute over 1,000 bags of relief items in San Roque, Tanapag, Gualo Rai, Garapan, Kagman, Koblerville, San Antonio, San Jose, San Vicente, and Chalan Kanoa.

Unlike their first distribution, the organization did not only help Filipino communities but everyone in the community.

"We distributed to everyone. It felt good to help. They were very thankful, even though what we gave was only little," Malasarte said. "We prioritized those whose houses got damaged and those who lost their roofs."

The relief items contained bags of rice from UFO. They were also tasked by Philippine honorary consul Glicerio Arago to distribute the cans of luncheon loaf donated by D&Q International and Hormel Foods. They also distributed water and blankets from the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, which UFO is a part of.

"We'd like to thank everyone who helped us with this outreach, D&Q, Matt Deleon Guerrero, and the Seventh Day Adventist who allowed us to use the warehouse," Malasarte said.

He also thanked their officers and members as well as the Emon Lodge No. 179 who took charge of the Kagman distribution.

Search effort is expanded but still no trace of Deng

The multi-agency search effort to find Jian Zhu Deng were expanded Thursday but there remained no trace of the 51-year-old Chinese businessman.

As of 4:30pm Thursday, a rescue boat was still scouring the ocean across Banzai Cliff, where Deng's Nissan Pathfinder was found by family members on Tuesday morning.

A security guard at Banzai Cliff told *Saipan Tribune* that a lot of officers on boats and jet skis searched near the cliff line, while a helicopter flew over the area in the morning and in the afternoon.

According to the U.S. Coast

Guard Sector Guam and the Department of Public Safety, they are utilizing all available assets to search for Deng.

"So far, search efforts have included the waters inshore and out to 60 nautical miles off the northwest and northeast coast of Saipan," said Lt. William White, search and rescue mission coordinator for Coast Guard Sector Guam.

Deng, manager of the family-owned Deng Shi Auto Shop in Garapan, reportedly went spear fishing at Banzai Cliff on Monday at 6pm, but never returned home. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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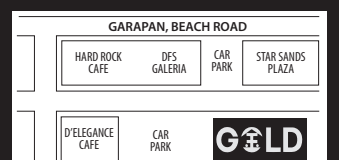
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Student, 19, allegedly rapes 16-year-old girl

Police arrested on Thursday a 19-year-old student who allegedly broke into the house of a neighbor in Chalan Kanoa and raped a girl.

George Norris Langu Jr. was arrested for sexual assault in the first degree, burglary, and disturbing the peace.

An ambulance brought the

victim, 16, to the Commonwealth Health Center for further examination.

At a hearing on Friday, Langu's bail was set at \$40,000 cash. Preliminary hearing is on Sept. 15 at 9am.

Assistant public defender

Tillman Clark was appointed as counsel for Langu. Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds appeared for the government.

Police said that two officers responded last Sept. 1 at 3:57am to a call about a sexual assault incident in Chalan Kanoa District 3.

Two persons told the officers that their niece had been raped.

The girl told police she was asleep inside her room when she was awakened by a man sexually assaulting her. The girl said she struggled and identified the person as their neighbor Langu.

She shouted and grabbed Langu's shirt to prevent him from escaping. Langu, however,

managed to run out of the house. She then told her aunt and grandmother about what happened.

The aunt told police that Langu probably entered the house from the front door because it was unlocked as they had no light.

Langu escaped through the window, the aunt said. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

AMIM donates 200 cases of bottled water

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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REPORTER

The Association of Mariana Islands Mayors, Vice Mayors and Elected Municipal Council and the Guam Mayors Council donated 200 cases of bottled water for Typhoon Soudelor victims on Saipan.

AMIM turned over the donation to the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council for distribution.

Council chair Antonia M. Tudela said the council, which includes vice chair Alicia S. Igitol and secretary Lareina C. Camacho, will be making bottled water deliveries to various sectors of the community.

Tudela, in a letter to AMIM president Malissa Savares, thanked Guam's mayors for the donation.

"The Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council leadership deeply appreciates the thoughts and prayers from the Guam fellow mayors for the island and people of Saipan's speedy recovery when we were caught completely off-guard by Typhoon Soudelor's merciless devastation and destruction," Tudela said.

"Soudelor left Saipan in a mess without reliable electricity, potable water, ice, and life's basic necessities. ...Such unfathomable situation that arguably caused by miscalculation is a cause for concern not only for the safety of the community but also the health, wellbeing and security of the people during this unusual state of calamity and devastation," she added.

CNMI mayors and municipal council members fully became a part of AMIM after a swearing-in ceremony on Feb. 24 of this year.

AMIM was first formed in May 1990 and embraces Guam and the CNMI's mayoral and municipal council leaderships. The goal and objectives of AMIM is to enhance, promote, and preserve the cultural traditions and heritage of the people of the Marianas.

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BSI CEO Brown says Saipan needs more rooms

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REPORTER

Best Sunshine International Ltd. CEO Mark Brown said Saipan needs more rooms as tourism on the island is being continually promoted.

"I'm still a big proponent of rooms. As much as we talk about bringing more and more tours to the island, rooms are a factor, we know that. So we need to continue to build more rooms," he said Friday.

Brown said they looking at opening by the end of next year a part of their Garapan site, which will have 300 rooms. He said it's not a huge impact, unlike when they will open their next thousand-room site, but he

hopes that other investors will come along in the meantime and build more rooms.

"Any hotel company out there that wants to build rooms, I'm all for it. The more rooms, the better for all of us," he said.

Brown added that partnership with the community is important to them.

"We can't survive without them. We need the locals to enjoy, have fun here. We need the local tours to bring people to our building, that's how it works," Brown said.

Last Friday, BSI welcomed more than 30 local tour agents on Saipan to their temporary facility at the T Galleria.

"We just want to let as many people as possible know about our company, our temporary fa-

cility here, what we're doing in Garapan site," Brown said.

"It's more to present our company, how we value the travel agents as a partner in the tourism product mix, to let them know what we're doing, what

kind of offerings do we have," BSI vice president for PR and marketing Mary Mendoza said.

According to Mendoza, they have been working with the Marianas Visitors Authority to introduce other forms of

entertainment on Saipan apart from scuba diving, golfing, and snorkeling.

"This is an added-value activity for our visitors. I know Best Sunshine has more plans," MVA managing direc-

tor Perry Tenorio said.

"I think the casino is definitely an additional factor that appeals to the Chinese," said T Galleria general manager Milan Rabold. "We're very happy to have Best Sunshine."

Casino regulator adopts junket regs; suspends licensing rules

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

Saipan casino regulators on Friday adopted emergency "junket" regulations and extended for about 45 days existing casino employee permits and licenses beyond Sept. 30, among other actions during a meeting Friday.

The "junket regulations" are part of the Commonwealth

Casino Commission's goal to regulate junket operators by requiring them to be licensed, pay a fee for those licenses, and allow them to vetted by the commission.

Junket operators bring in a group of players to casinos and provide these players—often "high rollers"—with perks such as free accommodations and others.

Right now, the commission

imposes license fees for casino employees, gaming tables, vendors, and gaming machines being used by Best Sunshine International Ltd.

The regulations have been adopted under "emergency regulations" but will also be published in the *Commonwealth Register* for public comments.

On Friday, the commission also suspended several regulations to allow the commission to extend all valid and existing permits and license to go beyond Sept. 30 to the end of Oct. 30, 2015.

Noting Typhoon Soudelor's recent devastation, commission executive director Edward C. Deleon Guerrero said they are "back to speed" but with their Sept. 30 deadline around the corner and 400 to 600 anticipated casino employees, they would not have enough time to reissue neces-

sary work permits and other vendor licenses.

Deleon Guerrero also noted that they are waiting for a proposed amendment to Public Law 18-56—which established the Saipan casino—that is currently pending in the Legislature.

This amendment, according to Deleon Guerrero, would affect how license fees are assessed.

"If we proceed based on existing law, it would be per employee, per vendor...if that amendment is passed, it's a blanket flat fee for all employees...and tables and so forth. We are preparing all forms and are preparing to move. [The suspension of regulations] gives us some breathing room so that come Oct. 1 those working at Best Sunshine will not be all illegal," Deleon Guerrero told commissioners.

Hospital still needs 32 nurses

The Commonwealth Health Center needs about 32 more nurses to be at full capacity, according to hospital nursing director Leslie Camacho.

"That's all vacancies, including certified nurse assistants, hemodialysis technicians, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, as well as graduate nurses," Camacho said.

CHC currently has 158, all of whom are either registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, or certified nursing assistants.

Despite the challenges CHC faces in attracting and retaining nurses—mainly due to immigration hurdles and the comparatively low salary it offers—it continues to actively recruit nurses both locally and from off-island, according to Camacho and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña.

So far, the hospital has recruited a total of 17 nurses since the start of this year. However, the turnover is also very high, with the hospital losing 27 nurses so far this year.

One of the biggest recruitment issue is the lengthy process to have it approved by immigration. When CHCC hires from the Philippines, it takes from two to six months for a new nurse to arrive on Saipan.

For U.S. hires, the struggle is the salary range, because nursing jobs in the U.S. mainland offer a higher salary compared to the Commonwealth.

In the U.S., a registered nurse's average salary with a bachelor of science in nursing range from

\$58,000 to \$82,000 per annum; in the CNMI a registered nurse with a BSN would only be earning between \$29,000 and \$33,345 per annum.

In the U.S., an associate of science in nursing registered nurse would earn from \$55,500 to \$68,000 per annum whereas a registered nurse with an ASN here in the CNMI would earn only from \$24,889 to \$24,889 per annum.

For a license practical nurse, the U.S. salary ranges from \$29,400 to \$50,700 per annum, while the CNMI's LPN salary is only from \$20,485 to \$24,889 per annum.

For a certified nurse assistant in the U.S., the average salary per annum is from \$18,300 to \$31,500; for CNA nurses here in the CNMI it is \$17,000 per annum.

On the bright side, the Northern Marianas College also produces nursing graduates and the U.S. Department of Education on National Center for Education Statistics said the average age of those graduating from the field is 22.

However, not all nursing students who graduate at NMC decide to stay and work in the CNMI as some go off-island to seek better opportunities or pursue higher education.

The hospital now plans on restructuring the salaries of its staff, creating a preceptorship program that calls for an experienced nurse mentoring a new one, and working with the CNMI Department of Labor. (Jason Camacho)

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Case vs former Dynasty casino manager dismissed

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

The federal court on Friday granted the U.S. government's motion to dismiss the criminal case against former Tinian Dynasty casino manager Tim Blyth, who agreed to cooperate

in federal authorities' investigation on Tinian Dynasty's owner. Manglona dismissed the case against Blyth with prejudice. That means the U.S. government can no longer re-file the matter. Assistant U.S. attorney Russell H. Lorring said the decision

to drop the case is primarily based on the parties' deferred prosecution agreement. Lorring said attorney Mark Hanson, counsel for Blyth, is aware of this and does not oppose it. Last July, the parties informed the court that the U.S. government needs more time to assess the extent of Blyth's cooperation in the investigation. The parties disclosed that Blyth is continuing to cooperate with the U.S. government pursuant to the terms of their deferred prosecution agreement. Manglona granted the parties' request. Blyth and former Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino VIP services manager George Que were among those charged with

engaging in a conspiracy to allow gamblers to conduct transactions involving more than \$10,000 without filing the required paperwork with the U.S. government. In February 2014, Blyth entered a deferred prosecution agreement with the U.S. government in exchange for the dismissal of the charges against him. The court approved the agreement. In June 2014, Que also entered the same agreement with the U.S. government. Last July 23, Manglona dismissed the indictment against the owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino. Manglona dismissed without prejudice the criminal charges against Hong Kong Entertainment

(Overseas) Investments Ltd. based on the U.S. government's request. Dismissed without prejudice means the prosecution can re-file the charges in the future. The new owners of Hong Kong Entertainment and the U.S. government have agreed not to prosecute the criminal case against HKE in exchange for HKE's forfeiture of \$3.03 million. Under the deal, the U.S. government—in its sole discretion—can rescind the agreement and initiate criminal proceedings should the U.S. government determine that Tinian Dynasty has failed to comply with any provision of the agreement. Pursuant to the agreement,

HKE acknowledges the acts alleged against it, pledges to cooperate with, and to regularly report to, the U.S. government regarding anti-money laundering and Bank Secrecy Act issues. IRS Criminal Investigation conducted the investigation. The U.S. government filed in November last year 158 criminal charges against HKE. The charges are one count of conspiracy to cause a financial institution to fail to file a currency transaction report or CTR, 155 counts of failure to file a CTR, one count of failure to file a suspicious activity report, and one count of failure to maintain an effective anti-money laundering program. The indictment has also a notice of forfeiture.

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- Sept. 15-16 from 7:30am to 10pm
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- Sept. 18 from 7:30am to 4pm
- Sept. 19 from 9am to 5pm

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The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. **(Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office)**

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF)	CASE NO.
THE STATE OF:)	15-0133
ELISA ESTEVES)	NOTICE OF
AYUYU TORRES,)	HEARING ON
DECEASED)	PETITION FOR
)	LETTERS OF
)	ADMINISTRATION

Please take notice that the petition of Erwin Torres Flores for the issuance of letters of administration of this estate shall be heard before the Honorable Judge David A. Wiseman, on the 29th day of September, 2015 at 1:30pm, at the Guma Husticia, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2015

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BANK OF GUAM,) Civil Action
Plaintiff,) No. 13-0103
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)) SALE OF
)) MORTGAGED
)) PROPERTY

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Dated this 22nd day of June, 2015.

/s/ Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk

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- Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
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A more humane approach to migrants and refugees

The vast majority of Americans, through lineage or otherwise, are immigrants, and certain politicians should not forget that.

Aside from Native Americans, who can trace their time on this landmass back through countless generations, most people have ancestors who came here from somewhere else.

But some candidates for higher office in this country, including GOP presidential contenders Donald Trump and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, are shouting that they will build walls on both borders and say immigrants, particularly Mexicans, are not good people. They claim they will deport all 11 million people living here illegally, which is not possible. These are fallacies thrown out to gather votes, as are their ideas of ending birthright citizenship.

Our treatment of asylum-seekers is also shameful. Thousands of refugees, including children, who arrived last summer from Central America are still locked up. They are waiting to see if their asylum claims will allow them to stay in this country. This immoral and inhumane situation is unfolding under a Democratic president.

It is not enough that this administration has deported more people than any previous one. We have to listen to politicians talk about how they will be tougher than the current president and be even harder on immigrants.

Refugee or migrant? Immigrant or first-born in this country? How many generations can you count back? What does it matter? We are all human beings, though some of us are more humane than others.

The Obama administration should look to Germany, a country that has confronted the historic inhumanity of its treatment of minorities and resolved to do right by the refugees who are streaming toward its border. Our nation of immigrants should be a leader in treating human beings with dignity, as well. And we should beware the scapegoating of minorities and immigrants.



Entrepreneurs are our modern heroes

According to a 2013 survey by scholars at Baylor University, entrepreneurs "are more likely to believe in an engaged, responsive God who takes a personal interest in them" than the rest of us. They pray more and believe their prayers are answered more.

The faith of entrepreneurs is contagious. Americans have developed an unquestioning faith in the virtue of people who start businesses. Today we venerate entrepreneurs. We worship them. Or maybe we just have a crush on them. We spare them the criticism and skepticism we heap on other vocations.

There are less worthy vessels for our ardor. It is mildly heartening to know we're still capable of admiration at a time when our confidence in most professions and institutions is so low.

But it's gotten out of hand, this glorification of entrepreneurs and startups. It's mythmaking. Other worthy vocations are getting cheated (not journalists, by the way and for the record).

Who gets more of our love than entrepreneurs?

Polls show Americans trust and admire doctors and nurses the most, the people who directly take care of us. Their incomes haven't kept pace with our tender feelings.

We gawk at athletes, entertainers and talentless, generic celebrities. We might even envy them, but we don't give them unmitigated respect and confidence. Trust in the clergy, members of Congress, journalists and big business people has crashed since the 1970s.

I can't recall learning about heroes of commerce in school. Inventors such as Thomas Edison were heroes because of their brains and contributions, not their eventual fortunes.

We did learn about great moguls such as Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller and Henry Ford, but we also learned about the downside of the Industrial Revolution and labor movement. It wasn't hero worship.

I can't recall any great admiration for the biggest self-made zillionaires when I was in high school and college in the 1970s—except for maybe Hugh Hefner, who my pals probably did worship. Howard Hughes was certainly famous, but he was loopy by then. But people like J. Paul Getty, Daniel Ludwig and John D. MacArthur were more secretive villains than role models. There were no man-child billionaires.

There was still a 1960s anti-materialism in the air. In college and graduate school, kids didn't talk much about becoming an entrepreneur or wanting to start a business. Some people wanted to, of course. But it was distinctly uncool to confess to greed or wanting to make a lot of money.

The big change started somewhere in the middle 1980s. Sam Walton and then Warren Buffet were folksy, fatherly, friendly moguls. Ted Turner was a swashbuckling, irreverent financial delinquent. Celebrity culture expanded to commerce and Forbes began listing the richest of the rich.

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The archetypal new era entrepreneurs were the twin lords of tech, Steve Jobs and Bill Gates. They had compelling stories: outsiders, dropouts, incredible focus and brilliance, inventors, not just businessmen. They weren't the establishment.

They paved the way for our glorification of classic entrepreneurs but also for a new class of financial celebrity—the wizard of hedge funds and private equity.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Wall St. was stained. When Michael Douglas' Gordon Gekko said, "Greed is good" in the 1987 movie "Wall Street," it was evil. Gates and Jobs came to represent a different narrative. They flipped "greed is good" into a virtue in a way Ayn Rand's disciples never could.

The entrepreneurial knight created not only new things but new ways of doing things—and of thinking. The entrepreneur was a builder, a creator, a disruptor and a do-gooder.

And some are. Others aren't. The distribution of human virtues and vices doesn't vary much from among groups and fields in my experience.

Overall, the new mythology of entrepreneurship is probably a good thing. At its best, it is optimistic, assertive, rebellious and bound for solutions. It is chock-full of old American memes—self-made, self-reliant and independent by declaration. The role of entrepreneurs and startups in the whole economy probably has been overstated in recent years, but that's no great crime.

People at the top of giant corporations and institutions have benefitted from the entrepreneurial glow to help justify incomes proportionally far larger than their predecessors ever saw.

The rise of entrepreneur idolatry also has coincided with the rise of unparalleled inequality of wealth and incomes in America. It isn't a cause. Entrepreneurs aren't to blame. But this hero worship provides a cover story—a convenient ideology.

The role of the entrepreneur in free market America is important and honorable. The same is true of doctors, schoolteachers, scientists, artists, farmers and public employees.

The pendulum has swung a tad too far in equating virtue and prosperity. The exaggerated faith in entrepreneurs is a sign of that and it is time for a market correction.

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Irresponsible

Around this date last year, the governor's office sent out an invitation to the media to witness Gov. Eloy S. Inos' Sept. 16 signing not only of the fiscal year 2015 budget but also two revenue-generating bills. One increased the cigarette tax, the other a tax amnesty.

That was more than two weeks before the annual Oct. 1 deadline to come up with a new budget, or there would be a shutdown of non-essential government offices.

Fast forward. It's now Sept. 14, 2015, yet the bicameral committee tasked to hash out the differences between the House and Senate's fiscal 2016 budget bill versions is still nowhere near a compromise bill.

Last year, lawmakers were able to pass a compromise spending package by Sept. 5—a record for a budget bill. It wasn't a perfect budget bill but it was a workable one. That gave the governor ample time to review the budget bill and point out his reservations so lawmakers can address them in future legislation, before signing the measure into law.

As provided for in the NMI Constitution's Article II Section 7(b), the governor shall have 20 days in which to consider appropriation bills.

This present Legislature's failure to pass a budget bill by today will impact the governor's ability to improve upon their submission. Even if a budget bill were to pass both houses today, which is very unlikely, the governor's 20-day review window has already been diminished.

By today, lawmakers have already had nearly six months from the time they received the governor's budget submission in late March to review and pass a budget bill.

Once again, the last thing that the CNMI needs now after the devastation caused by Typhoon Soudelor in August and a telecommunications outage in July is another potential disaster. This time a man-made one, if the government has to partially shut down because the Legislature fails to pass a budget on or before the Oct. 1 start of the new fiscal year.

In 2010, a budget deadlock between the House and Senate and the resulting partial government shutdown affected the livelihood of over 1,000 government employees and their families.

Lawmakers won't get paid until a budget law is in place. Government employees who won't have to work during a government shutdown will not get paid and will not get back pay once the budget bill is finally enacted into law. This was at least the opinion of the

administration right around the 2010 partial government shutdown.

After Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan, people have been without power and water for several weeks now and life is still not back to the way they were, pre-typhoon. People need not endure additional hardship that lawmakers themselves can potentially create.

People have already suffered so much and many lost their homes and property to the typhoon. They should not have to suffer any further because of lawmakers' inaction.

It would be understandable if the bone of contention in this year's budget process is about cushioning the impact of recent disasters on the government budget, among other things.

But no—it's about the Senate's insistence that it is constitutional and within their legislative authority to use \$2.5 million in "earmarked" funds set aside for the Marianas Visitors Authority. Perhaps the very definition of the word "earmark" in the budgeting process has escaped senators.

If it's within legislative authority and allowed in the NMI Constitution, does anyone think that previous lawmakers would have already pulled off this stunt a long time ago? But as one lawmaker said this weekend, "You always got to try new things." This is no time for irresponsible, reckless, and trial-and-error budgeting.

Moreover, Attorney General Edward Manibusan already made it clear he will not provide a legal opinion on whether earmarked funds could be used for other purposes as the Senate proposes, so lawmakers have to move on.

For the Senate to take this road may not be surprising though. After all, this is the same set of senators who passed their own version of a 2016 budget bill without first adopting a resolution that essentially concurs with the governor's spending ceiling.

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) raised the issue of the Senate's lack of a resolution concurring with the governor's budget cap during the bicameral conference committee's initial meeting. Two days later, the Senate held an emergency session to adopt the budget resolution.

The problem, as Demapan pointed out, is that senators concur—by adopting a resolution—with the amounts that the governor identified for earmarks and those available for appropriation. Yet they are making moves contrary to what they concurred to, he said.

"Bottom line is this: The concurrent resolution dictates the budget bill. The budget bill should not dictate the concurrent resolution," Demapan said this weekend. Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Ind-

the effective coordination of relief efforts.

Under the FEMA Community Services, it describes the four programs that are administered by FEMA's Community Services Section. These programs are available to states, U.S. territories and/or federally recognized Indian tribal governments that have received a presidential declaration of a major disaster that includes Individual Assistance.

Mr. President, on Aug. 6, 2015, you declared Northern Mariana Island, a U.S. territory, under the state of disaster after Typhoon Soudelor's devastation.

In a press release dated Sept. 11, 2015, it says, "Regardless of immigration status, Soudelor survivors should still register for FEMA assistance. FEMA Individual Assistance is available to U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, and qualified aliens who have disaster-related damage on Saipan.

The definition of qualified alien, by law, *does NOT include temporary workers* living on the island. However, any applicant, including CW-1: CNMI-Only Transitional Workers who has a qualifying person—such as a minor child who is a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien—in their household may be eligible for FEMA assistance.

This is great, but how about those who have no qualifying persons such as minor child who is a U.S. citizen? Aren't they included in the "qualified aliens"?

CW-1 workers in the Northern Mariana Islands were also devastated and need assistance but FEMA personnel on site cannot do this without your amendment or alteration of such regulation as it is necessary for the guidance of personnel carrying out federal assistance functions in the Northern Mariana Island.

Mr. President, we CW-1 workers incurred typhoon related monetary expenses after Typhoon Soudelor because not all types of our daily needs are in-kind. We incurred unexpected financial expenses. Yes, FEMA and some other agencies provided in-kind assistance but on very limited items only, or a survival kind of relief goods.

While FEMA personnel are just complying with the rules on granting assistance, there must be a certain kind of consideration,

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Saipan), for his part, said, "How the Senate moved forward with the budget bill without passing a concurrent resolution first is beyond me."

If it's any consolation, the Senate at least acknowledged its own oversight in skipping the need to formally accept the governor's \$145-million figure first before moving forward as required by law. When ordinary people break the law, there are consequences.

In the end, the House and Senate need to compromise.

These are just scenarios: The Senate (six of nine senators are from Rota and Tinian) will agree with the House that using earmarked funds for their Christmas wish list other than their intended purpose is not allowed so they can move forward and prevent a partial government shutdown.

But, in exchange, the Senate will insist that the House agree to increasing Rota and Tinian's budget by more than \$500,000 and \$600,000, respectively; allow more hiring on Rota and Tinian including those of administrative assistants with an annual salary of up to \$20,000; increase the leadership accounts of the House and Senate by 67 percent to \$300,000 (compared to the House proposal of \$179,387); increase the Legislature's overall budget by over \$340,000 (again compared to the House version); buy up to seven new vehicles for Rota and Tinian; and raise the salaries of Rota and Tinian's resident department heads and resident deputy commissioners to \$45,000, among other things.

And perhaps raise the salaries of the Public School System's associate commissioners to \$70,000-\$80,000 and again, one of those covered is the Senate Education Committee chair Justo Quitugua's wife, whose current annual pay is \$65,000.

Now let's wait for lawmakers' own budget scenarios. We could only hope they have the entire CNMI's best interest at heart.

especially when it comes to calamities. It is really very unfortunate that people like us CW workers are excluded from the FEMA assistance program, contradicting Robert T. Stanford Disaster Assistance Program Sec. 308. For example, CW-1 workers with totally roofless houses were denied FEMA assistance due to immigration status. An SBA loan application was denied due to salary is insufficient to pay the loan on a monthly basis. The applicant is currently receiving almost double the current CNMI minimum wage but was disqualified due to his insufficient earnings. How much more those employees that are receiving minimum wage who were badly devastated by Soudelor? The applicant just wanted to recover the money that has been spent on typhoon related purchases. In their press releases, everyone who registered with FEMA are encouraged to apply with SBA and if approved it's up to the applicant if he/she wanted to get the whole approved amount or only a portion of it. Why deny someone if he will only get a portion of the approved loan based on his capacity to pay in order to recover the unexpected typhoon related expenses?

As of this writing, a lot of residential houses are still without power and water. People living in these areas are incurring monetary expenses for generator, gasoline, among others that cannot be replaced by FEMA's in-kind disaster relief program such as counseling, community services, and legal services, among others.

Mr. President, you've approved the extension transitional workers program (CW1) until 2019 in Northern Mariana Islands because of labor shortage in the island, without any provision that in case of disaster or devastation, CW workers will be afforded with all the help it needed from all federally funded assistance programs such as FEMA.

On behalf of fellow CW-1 workers in the Northern Mariana Island who are in dire need, please extend assistance to us similar to that of U.S. citizens, permanent residents (green card) and/or qualified aliens by amending or altering Section 308 (*Nondiscrimination in Disaster Assistance*) of the Robert T. Stanford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An open letter to President Obama

Mr. President, I am writing in connection with FEMA's Robert T. Stanford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act as Amended in April 2013, under Section 308 – *Nondiscrimination in Disaster Assistance*, (42 U.S.C 5151).






Section 102 – Definitions (42 U.S.C 5122) "States" means any states of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Sec. 308; Paragraph; (a) *Regulations for Equitable and Impartial Relief Operations* - The President shall issue, and may alter and amend, such regulations as may be necessary for the guidance of personnel carrying out federal assistance functions at the site of a major disaster or emergency. Such regulations shall include provisions for ensuring that the distribution of supplies, the processing of applications, and other relief and assistance activities shall be accomplished in an equitable and impartial manner, without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status, and

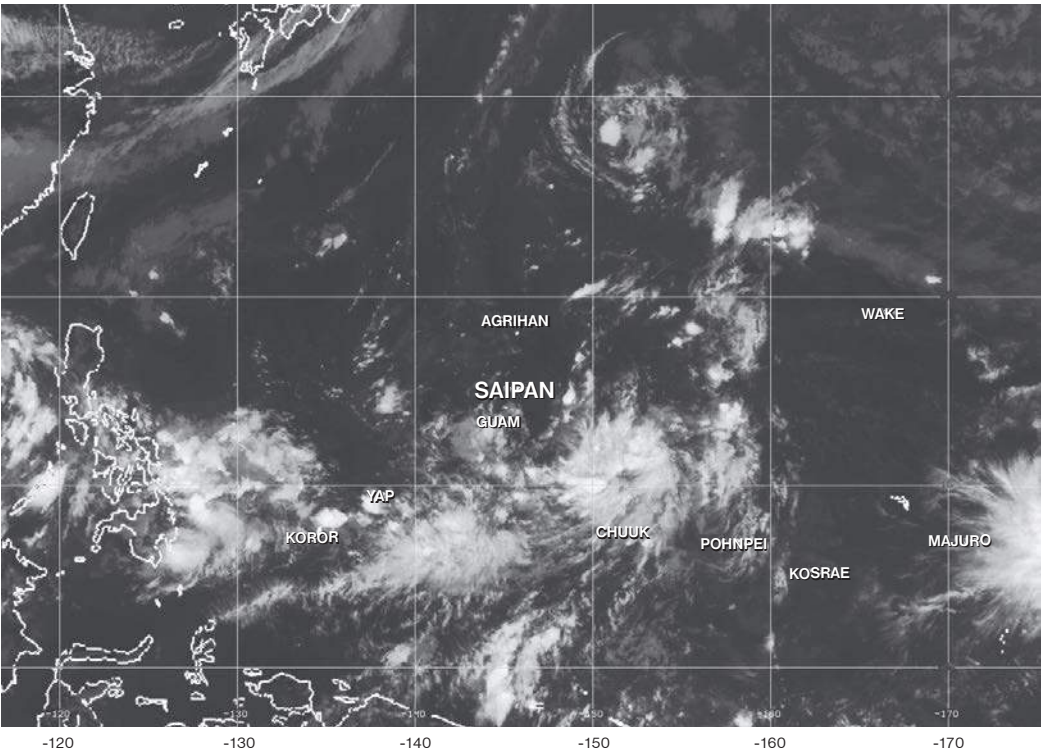
Paragraph; (b) *In Compliance with Regulations as Pre-requisite to Participation by other Bodies in Relief Operations* - As a condition of participation in the distribution of assistance or supplies under this Act or of receiving assistance under this Act, governmental bodies and other organizations shall be required to comply with regulations relating to nondiscrimination promulgated by the President, and such other regulations applicable to activities within an area affected by a major disaster or emergency as he deems necessary for

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. West winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. West winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough curves eastward through 12N130E through a broad circulation centered east of Guam near 13N152E to end at 14N160E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen near Koror, Yap and Chuuk within 250 miles of a line from 10N130E to 6N145E to 13N156E and southwest of Chuuk south of a line from 2N139E to 3N149E. Isolated thunderstorms are present over the Marianas northwest and north of the circulation within 200 miles of a line from 12N142E to 20N154E. A tropical disturbance is centered just east of the date line near 11N177W. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found east of Majuro east of a line from 11N173E to 3N173E. Low-level convergence is generating a line of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms northwest of Wake Island within 100 miles of a line from 24N156E to 21N170E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Pohnpei	Mostly Cloudy	▲84	▼75
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼81

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼49
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼58
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼79
Honolulu	Windy	▲88	▼76
London	Showers	▲61	▼50
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼67
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼75
Melbourne	Showers	▲58	▼48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90	▼79
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲76	▼63
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼68
Paris	Showers	▲65	▼59
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼65
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼66
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼49
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼57
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼59
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼65
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲77	▼57



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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
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Saipan Harbor			
3:20 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
9:00 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
3:33 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
9:29 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:06 AM	6:20 PM
Tuesday	6:06 AM	6:20 PM
Wednesday	6:06 AM	6:19 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:18 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:17 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:35 AM	6:55 PM
Tuesday	7:22 AM	7:34 PM
Wednesday	8:08 AM	8:13 PM
Thursday	8:56 AM	8:53 PM
Friday	9:44 AM	9:36 PM

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UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
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OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
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White House selects NMI student as E3! Ambassador

Northern Marianas College senior Riya Nathrani is one of the 23 young leaders nationwide to be chosen to serve for a year as an E3! Ambassador for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The White House announced Nathrani's selection last week.

Nathrani is currently an intern at the Northern Mariana Islands congressional office on Saipan and also worked at the office at the U.S. Capitol this summer under the auspices of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies.

"With her intelligence, quiet leadership, and compassionate advocacy, Ms. Nathrani has been a tremendous asset to the congressional office and to our community," said Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

"Her selection as one of 13 APAICS interns this summer

and now as an E3! Ambassador, along with other young leaders in academia, public service, and the business world, reminds all of us in the Northern Marianas that though our islands are small our dreams can be enormous—and that our young people have the same capacity for excellence as their peers anywhere in the United States."

E3! Ambassadors, who are between the ages of 18 and 30, commit to "Educate, Engage, and Empower" a new generation of young leaders from their Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. The Ambassadors devote at least 10 hours a month speaking at events, facilitating workshops, or conducting outreach via print and social media to raise awareness about federal programs and resources available to Asian and Pacific Americans. In doing

so, the Ambassadors work with more than 250 federal officials representing over 44 agencies and sub-agencies across the nation.

"We are expected to focus our advocacy efforts around four issue areas: education, mental health, pathways to public service, and immigration," Nathrani says. "I plan to concentrate especially on the immigration issues facing so many young people in the islands, and I will emphasize the value of education as a tool to achieve a better life." Nathrani is herself an immigrant. Her parents, Rajkumar and Sapna Nathrani, brought



Nathrani

her to Saipan from India when she was 4 years old. She is also a product of the Northern Marianas educational system, having attended San Antonio Elementary School and Hopwood Junior High School, and graduating with honors from Marianas High School in 2012. She is now a senior at Northern Marianas College and she plans to pass along her devotion to education by working as an elementary school teacher upon earning her bachelor's degree in May 2016.

"I want to help my students create a better life for themselves, their families, and

their community by becoming educated," said Nathrani. "My parents came to the Marianas in search of a better life, and their sacrifices, hopes, and dreams made it possible for me to attain a college education. I want to help others have that same experience."

Nathrani is also an active member of the community, serving as a voice for her peers in student government and, over the past few weeks, volunteering with United 4 Saipan to deliver relief supplies to survivors of Typhoon Soudelor.

For Nathrani, "volunteering, taking on a leadership role, and serving as an E3! Ambassador are the ways I have found to give back to the Northern

Marianas and the U.S. for all the opportunities that my family has received here."

The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders was started by President Obama in 2009, his first year in office, to increase access and participation in federal programs by Asian and Pacific Islanders, the fastest growing segment of America's population. The Initiative is guided by an Advisory Commission appointed by the President. Sablan's nominee, Dr. Debra T. Cabrera, was chosen to serve on the first Advisory Commission.

For more information about the WHIAAPI E3! Ambassadors Program, visit <http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/aapi/e3/>. (Office of the Delegate)

SIS student is a semifinalist in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship

Quintin M. Ramsey, a senior student at Saipan International School, has been chosen as one of the semifinalists in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. Ramsay is the only semifinalist this year from the CNMI.

Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corp. announced yesterday the names of about 16,000 semifinalists in the 61st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,400 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and about half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 440 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Steps in the 2016 competition

About 1.5 million juniors in

more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. The number of semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a finalist, the semifinalist and his or her high school must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

From the approximately 16,000 semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference. (PR)



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NMI SHRM supports equal employment opportunity

"Equal employment opportunity is a concept that all business should support," said Frank Gibson, 2015 president of the NMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management. "There is no place for discrimination or harassment in any workplace. Adopting and implementing policies and programs that provide fair treatment to all employees regardless of race, color, sex, gender status, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status, or genetic history, making job-related decisions based upon demonstrated performance, creates a productive work environment that is beneficial to both employees and employers."

To underscore this point, the SHRM Chapter has invited Glory Gervacio-Saure, director of the EEOC's Honolulu Office,

to visit the CNMI and discuss the EEO concept and recent related events with key agencies and organizations involved in equal employment opportunity.

Today, Sept. 14, Gervacio-Saure will visit the CNMI Department of Labor, the Council for Developmental Disabilities, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc., the Office of Personnel Management, and the Public School System Human Resource Office to discuss and answer questions related to equal employment opportunity.

Tomorrow, Sept. 15, Gervacio-Saure will be the special guest speaker at the NMI SHRM September general membership meeting featuring



the topic "Equal Employment Opportunity: Updates and Current Trends." This will be a special half-day program that will discuss current EEO issues to include increase retaliation, varied sexual discrimination and harassment, arrests and court records, LGBT protections and other topics of concern. Gervacio-Saure will provide information on the rights of employees and how businesses can avoid discrimination and create a better workplace for all. She will also be available to answer questions. SHRM will provide certificates to attendees documenting their attendance at this special EEO program.

During lunch, NMPASI president James Rayphand will explain the functions of NMPASI

and how it can work with HR and management staff for the best interests of the companies and employees with special needs.

Rayphand's presentation will be followed by Susan Langhoff, FEMA private sector liaison, who will discuss business continuity and preparedness as part of our community's recovery efforts.

This half-day program will be held at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015, from 8:30am to 2pm. This presentation is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for employers and HR professionals and staff to gain a range of information on two topics of particular interest to our businesses and the community.

The presentation includes the PIC lunch buffet and morning snacks and drinks at the cost of \$30 for SHRM members and \$40 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Micah Parico-Acuvera by phone at 234-1795 or by email at corpoffice@triplej-saipan.com or by email to Gibson at flgibson@yahoo.com.

"This visit by the EEOC director provides the business community with an opportunity to gain invaluable information regarding equal employment opportunity directly from the enforcement agency and to ask

questions that might help them avoid future problems," Gibson stated. "Take advantage of this opportunity for yourself, as a senior manager, and for your

HR staff and other managers. Ms. Gervacio-Saure's presentation will help bring you up-to-date on recent EEO issues." (SHRM)



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**Northern Marianas
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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Board of Directors

Northern Marianas Humanities Council

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council (Council) wishes to announce a vacancy on its board of directors.

The Council is a non-profit private corporation affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council's mission is to "foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through support of educational programs that relate the humanities to the indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the Commonwealth."

The Council's board is comprised of thirteen volunteer members who serve three year terms. The Council strives to maintain a board that reflects a broad cross section of our CNMI community. The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to promote the Council's mission, programs, and activities and to actively participate in fundraising activities. Board responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Attending regular Council meetings four times annually;
- Raising funds for Council programs;
- Recruiting community partners;
- Promoting awareness about the Council's mission and its programs in the community;
- Attending Council programs and activities;
- Participating in working committee meetings;
- Evaluating Council programs and activities;
- Reviewing grant applications;
- Providing input about the humanities from various community members, and
- Attending conferences, workshops and other meetings on behalf of the Council.

Applicants are invited to submit their letters of interest and resumes to **Robert H. Hunter, Chair, Northern Marianas Humanities Council at Post Office Box 506437 Saipan, MP 96950** or delivered to the Council's office located in the Springs Plaza Building in Gualo Rai, Saipan. All letters of interest and resumes must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 30, 2015**. For additional information, please contact the Council's Executive Director, Scott Russell, at telephone 235-4785 or visit the Council's website at www.northernmarianashumanities.org.

Nation

Thousands flee 2 fast-moving California wildfires

ANGELS CAMP, Calif. (AP)—Thousands of people rushed to escape a massive wildfire charging across the tinder-dry Sierra Nevada foothills and another out-of-control fire that broke out in Northern California on Saturday, sending four

firefighters to the hospital with second-degree burns. The fire began in Lake County, about 100 miles north of San Francisco, and grew to about 15 square miles (or 10,000 acres) in just a few hours, the California Department of Forestry and

Trump embraces role as bully, bids Perry a thorny farewell

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A growing divide has emerged in the Republican Party's unruly presidential contest, as the race bid farewell to a once-powerful White House contender. On one side stands billionaire businessman Donald Trump and his allies, on the other are those who oppose him.

A day after Rick Perry, Texas' longest-serving governor, ended his second Republican presidential run with a whimper, Trump marked the shake-up by embracing his role as his party's 2016 bully on Saturday.

"Mr. Perry, he's gone. Good luck. He was very nasty to me," Trump told Iowa voters. Turning to rival Ben Carson, he questioned whether the retired neurosurgeon had "the energy" to negotiate successfully with world leaders. In an interview earlier, Trump touted his tough-talking style as a plus.

"It's an attitude that our country needs. We get pushed around by everybody," he told Fox News, adding, "We have to push back."

Perry had all but declared war on the billionaire businessman in July, calling Trump "a cancer on conservatism" who could destroy the Republican Party.

Fire Protection said. The firefighters, all members of a helicopter crew, were airlifted to a hospital burn unit, where they were listed in stable condition, department spokesman Daniel Berlant said. The fire forced the evacuation of two towns as well as residents along a 35-mile stretch of State Route 29. To the east, a blood-red sun pushed through a choking fog

of smoke and ash that turned California's grassy, tree-studded Gold Country an eerie white. Away from the burned-out cars and smoldering remains of homes, Annette Stout and other residents who fled the flames rested at evacuation centers. Stout was ordered from her house Friday afternoon, and for the first time since her husband's death in March, she drove their recreational vehicle

to safety in Angels Camp, a quaint town made famous by Mark Twain's "The Celebrated Tale of the Jumping Frog of Calaveras County." "I grabbed my cats, their carriers, important papers, my husband death's certificate and his ashes," said Stout, who lives in the community of Hathaway Pines. Despite the outpouring of help at the center set up at the

Calaveras County Fairgrounds, she didn't sleep well. "We knew we were safe here, but (I was) worrying about the house, worrying about those who didn't leave," she said. The blaze ignited about 70 miles southeast of Sacramento on Wednesday and exploded to more than 101 square miles amid triple-digit temperatures and land parched from several years of drought.


Spokesman: 3 inmates dead, 5 injured at Oklahoma prison

CUSHING, Okla. (AP)—Three inmates are dead and five injured after a disturbance at an Oklahoma prison, a spokesman for a private company that owns and operates the facility said Saturday. Staff at Cimarron Correctional Facility in Cushing quelled an inmate disturbance around 4:40 p.m. Saturday, said Steve Owen of Nashville, Tennessee-based Corrections Corporation

of America. He said in a release that the incident lasted about 40 minutes and was contained to one housing pod. No staff members were injured. The inmates who were hurt were taken to hospitals. It's not clear what caused their injuries. The names of those killed and injured were not immediately released. Owen said the prison was placed on lockdown and in-

mates confined to their housing areas. The facility about 50 miles southwest of Tulsa in northeast Oklahoma houses medium- and maximum-security male inmates for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. The incident occurred in a medium-security portion of the prison, Department of Corrections spokeswoman Terri Watkins told The Associated Press. The prison houses about 1,600

inmates, she said. Owen said the incident remains under investigation. In June, between 200 and 300 inmates were involved in a brawl at the prison. Eleven prisoners were taken to hospitals after the fight and the facility was placed on lockdown. The fighting occurred among inmates in three separate housing units. No correctional workers were injured.



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NOTICE OF REGULAR SHEFA BOARD MEETING

In accordance with 1 CMC § 9901 et seq., as amended, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA) Board hereby gives notice the Regular Monthly Board Meeting is set for Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Saipan Mayor's Office Conference Room, Ladera Center, Beach Road, Saipan.

A G E N D A

I. Preliminary

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes from July 30, 2015

II. Public Comments

III. Reports

1. Administrator
2. Chair
3. Board Committees
 - a. Committee on Award (COA)
 - b. Committee on Policy and Procedures (CPP)
 - c. Committee on Program and Development (CPD)
 - d. Committee on Appeal (CAPP)
 - e. Committee on Fiscal, Legislative and Community Affairs (CFLCA)

IV. Old Business

1. Revisit Priority Fields
2. FY 2016 Budget
3. Update: SHEFA Relocation Status

V. New Business

1. Fall semester application status


VI. Executive Session

1. Appeals/Deferments/Forbearance


VII. Miscellaneous

VIII. Next Board Meeting

IX. Adjournment



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
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HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE



PROMOTIONAL & OPEN COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE

It is the policy of the State Board of Education, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, that the Public School Human Resources System shall be applied and administered according to the principals of equal employment opportunity. Applications shall be evaluated regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability, genetic information, or national origin.

Applicants for this position must be U.S. Citizens or be eligible and authorized to work in the U.S., including the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the Public School System.

POSITION/TITLE: EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT NO.: PSS-2015-129
OPENING DATE: September 02, 2015 CLOSING DATE: September 16, 2015
SALARY: PL: Ungraded Step(s): Ungraded; \$45,000.00 - \$55,000.00 per Annum
LOCATION: PSS, EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START PROGRAM

Position Summary:

The Early Head Start (EHS)/Head Start (HS) Assistant Director provides leadership oversight and administration of the EHS-HS Program. The EHS/HS Assistant Director is responsible to assist the Program Director in ensuring effective service delivery, contract compliance, overall direction, coordination, and evaluation of the EHS/HS Program. The EHS/HS Assistant Director will report to the Program Director.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Graduation from a U.S. accredited College or University with a bachelors (BA/BS) degree in Early Childhood Education or related field;
- Minimum of five (5) years professional leadership/management and supervisory experience preferably in early childhood education or child care administration;
- Minimum of three (3) years teaching experience preferably in an early childhood setting;
- Pass PRAXIS I (PPST-Pre-Professional Skills Tests) OR Core Academic Skills for Educators; and
- Pass PRAXIS II in Early Childhood Education.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

INTERESTED APPLICANTS MAY OBTAIN AND SUBMIT COMPLETED FORMS TO THE PSS HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE AT FIRST FLOOR, CNMI PSS CENTRAL OFFICE BUIDLING, BWUGHOS STREET, SUSUPE.


REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE ATTACHED TO APPLICATION FORMS: (1) COPY OF DIPLOMA/DEGREE, (2) TRANSCRIPTS, (3) POLICE CLEARANCE (FROM PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR PAST SIX MONTHS), (4) VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT, (5) RESUME, AND (6) TEACHING CERTIFICATE (IF APPLICABLE).) (7) CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE OR MAILED TO: CNMI PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, ATTN: HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE, CNMI PSS CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING FIRST FLOOR, P.O. BOX 501370CK, SAIPAN, MP 96950, TEL. NOS. (670) 237-3052/64/79/31.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FAIR HOUSING SURVEY

This notice is to inform the general public that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is currently conducting a study concerning fair housing. Known as the “Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice” (AI), the study is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a condition for receiving Federal housing and community funds.

The goals of the study are to identify whether barriers to fair housing choice exist in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), in the rental and real estate markets and the mortgage lending, insurance, and appraisal industries. Further, the study examines private and public policies and practices that may inadvertently lead to housing discrimination.

This AI process includes soliciting the opinions of person involved in the housing industry, including renters and homeowners. As such, you are being asked to take part in this survey to provide your opinions and experience regarding fair housing in the CNMI.

Your answers are anonymous and will only be reported in compilation with other responses.

The survey is available online at <https://www.research.net/r/CNMI2015FairHousingSurvey> or you may visit the NMHC website at www.nmhc.gov.net (please look for menu section titled “NMHC Fair Housing Survey”). If you are unable to access the internet, please come by our office and fill-out the survey.

If you may have any questions regarding the survey please feel free to contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Planner/Environmental Officer at (670) 234-6866 or (670) 234-9447.

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for persons with disabilities. If you should require any special accommodations please contact our office.

We thank you for your participation in assisting our agency in moving forward with our projects.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

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Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-15-021

Typhoon Soudelor Disaster Recovery Project - “Engineering Consultant Services”

The Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Expedited Request for Proposals (CUC-RFP-15-021) for *Engineering Consultant Services for conducting Engineering Assessment and Provision of Repair Plans and Procedures for three (3) Power Plant Facilities Projects on Saipan: Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4.*

As this project is time sensitive, with critical effects on the economy, health and life of the island of Saipan’s residents and its business community, under this contract, CUC may award to multiple consultant firms to perform the scope of work at one or more power plants.

These options allow the CUC an opportunity to select more than one proposer, if that decision serves the best interest of CUC, at any given time, depending on this RFP’s response.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 PM (ChST), Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays, **until September 17, 2015.**

One (1) original and five (5) copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “(CUC-RFP-15-021) for *“Engineering Consultant Services”*” to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than September 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered. CUC reserves the right to reject any proposal received after the deadline. Proposals shall be evaluated as per the evaluation criteria specified in the RFP. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations.

A mandatory Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the Power Plant I Administration Building in Lower Base, Saipan on **September 10, 2015 at 10:30 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visits to Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4 facilities will be arranged. Proposers should familiarize themselves with the site conditions at each facility so all sites can be evaluated properly.

Contract(s) will be awarded to the firm(s) submitting the most responsive proposal(s), and who is/are determined by CUC to be best qualified firm(s) to successfully perform the work, and to meet all other requirements thereof. CUC reserves the rights, nevertheless, to accept a proposal other than the lowest, if it determines that CUC’s interest will be best served by doing so, or to reject any and all proposals or parts of proposals received.

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor’s preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 22, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Stipulated Order 2 Project Coordinator via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

JOHN RIEGEL
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Asia


ASIAN BRIEFS

89 people killed in explosions at central India restaurant
NEW DELHI (AP)—At least 89 people were killed at a restaurant in central India on Saturday when a cooking gas cylinder exploded and triggered a second blast of mine detonators stored illegally nearby, police said. The restaurant, located next to the main bus station in the town of Petlawad in Madhya Pradesh state, was crowded with people having breakfast when the blasts occurred. The building where the restaurant was located and an adjacent building were destroyed in the explosions, and motorbikes outside the restaurant were flattened, said Mewa Lal Gond, a police inspector in the mining district of Jhabua, where Petlawad is located. Rescue workers extricated 89 bodies from under a huge heap of rubble, Gond said.

2 trains derail in India, killing 4, including 2 Britons
NEW DELHI (AP)—Two trains derailed in

India on Saturday, killing at least four passengers, including two British tourists, officials said. Three coaches of a special tourist train went off the tracks near the northern hill town of Kalka, in Himachal Pradesh state. The train was rounding a curve when the coaches derailed, said Neeraj Sharma, a railway official. Two women, both British tourists, died instantly in the accident. Five other passengers were injured, Sharma said. No other details were immediately available.

PH court designates Abu Sayyaf a terrorist group
MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Philippine court has declared the militant group Abu Sayyaf a terrorist organization in a ruling that provides the government with another legal weapon against militants who have survived years of U.S.-backed offensives, state prosecutors said Thursday. The Abu Sayyaf is the first militant organization to be officially outlawed in the Southeast Asian country under a rarely used anti-terrorism law. The brutal group, which has targeted Americans and other foreigners, has already been listed as a terrorist group by Washington.



COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC CHARGES AND RATES

By order of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, CUC is authorized to adjust the Fuel Adjustment Charge, previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC, depending on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the “Mean of Platts Singapore” monthly pricing equals or exceeds 4.5% of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the Fuel Adjustment Charge. Due to a change that exceeded the average fuel price, CUC will adjust the fuel-charge by 13.50%. Accordingly, the Fuel Adjustment Charge has decreased from \$0.16699 per kWh to **\$0.14445** per kWh effective **September 1, 2015.**

BASE RATES				
	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*
1 Monthly Customer Charge	\$ 7.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.06
2 Base Rates Per kWh:				
	KWH LEVELS			
1) 1 to 350	\$ 0.0210	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$ 0.1070
2) 351 to 1,200	\$ 0.0970	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$ 0.1070
3) 1,201 and over	\$ 0.1580	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$ 0.1070
3 Public Law 16-7 Credit (Rebate) Per kWh -- all usage	\$ (0.0230)	N/A	N/A	N/A
*Municipal Pumping				
FUEL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE or FAC (Previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC)				
	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*
Current FAC (Effective 09/01/15)	\$ 0.14445	\$ 0.14445	\$ 0.14445	\$ 0.14445
Previous FAC (Effective 08/04/15 - 08/31/15)	\$ 0.16699	\$ 0.16699	\$ 0.16699	\$ 0.16699
*Municipal Pumping				
PUBLIC STREETLIGHTING AND PRIVATE AREA LIGHTING TARIFF				
Availability:	Applicable to public outdoor streetlighting service and private area lighting where CUC owns, maintains and operates such facilities.			
Energy Charge:	The Energy Charge is the kWh multiplied by the sum of the applicable Electric Base Rate and the Fuel Adjustment Charge.			
Fixture Charge:	See below.			
	FIXTURE TYPE	WATTS	KWH/MONTH	FIXTURE CHARGE PER MONTH
1	Long Arm	250	101	\$ 11.67
2	Short Arm	175	71	\$ 8.33
3	LED	140	57	\$ 10.83
ELECTRIC NON-RATE FEES				
1	Late Charge (monthly)			1% of Past Due
2	NSF Check / Returned Check Charge			\$ 40.00
3	Convenience Fee (for pay-by-phone and online payments)			\$ 1.50
4	Unauthorized Connection			\$ 550.00
5	Reconnection at the Pole			\$ 200.00
6	Investigation (no charge for first two investigations)			\$ 210.00
7	Disconnection Notice			\$ 15.00
8	Meter Change Out			\$ 95.00
9	New Service - Single Phase			\$ 135.00
10	Inspection of Service (no charge for first two inspections)			\$ 90.00
11	Meter Test - Single Phase			\$ 75.00
12	Meter Test - Three Phase			\$ 110.00
13	Disconnection at the Meter			\$ 45.00
14	Reconnection at the Meter			\$ 60.00
Updated September 2015				

World

Some 10,000 migrants flood into Germany, enjoy warm welcome

MUNICH (AP)—Embracing its role as a defender of those in need, Germany welcomed at least 10,000 more asylum seekers into the country Saturday. As officials worked to give all a firm roof over their weary heads, a packed stadium cheered some of the littlest newcomers, who walked in hand-in-hand with top soccer players.

Germany over the past week has taken in more than 40,000 people fleeing war and poverty in the Middle East, Asia and Africa—and a poll has suggested broad support for the government's course.

Still, Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel said the sheer speed of arrivals was outpacing Germany's ability to provide emergency housing. He said Germany needed its European Union partners to agree to host some of the newcomers at a meeting Monday in Brussels.

Several Eastern European nations have insisted they won't accept any EU quotas on taking asylum seekers.

"Because of the speed at which large numbers of people are coming in, Germany is approaching a situation where we are reaching our limits," Gabriel said.

Front-line aid workers said Germany was determined to meet the challenge and provide as warm a welcome as possible. The country's biggest soccer club, Bayern Munich, took the field Saturday with each player holding a newly arrived child by the hand. Some 75,000 fans roared their approval as many of the kids waved shyly back.

"Munich is doing the right thing. We have to help them," said Johann Hoerterer, a bus driver waiting at the city's central train station to ferry newcomers to refugee shelters across Bavaria.



"It is a positive experience for me. It's not fun for anyone, but they've fled war and bombs. If it were me, I'd do the same—get away to security," said Hoerterer, standing before a new row of tents at the station providing medical care, food, clothes and other support.

"But these people need to be taken in by the whole of Europe, not just here in Germany," he added.

Some 450,000 migrants have arrived in Germany this year. The country is expecting at least 800,000 in 2015—by far the most in the 28-nation EU.

AP

Back row from left: Munich players Philipp Lahm, goal keeper Manuel Neuer and Thomas Mueller pose with migrant and refugee children before the German Bundesliga soccer match between FC Bayern Munich and FC Augsburg at the Allianz Arena in Munich, Germany, Saturday Sept. 12, 2015.

Saudi blames Mecca Grand Mosque crane collapse on high winds

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)—High winds were to blame for the toppling of a massive crane that smashed into Mecca's Grand Mosque and killed at least 107 people ahead of the start of the annual hajj pilgrimage, the head of Saudi Arabia's civil defense directorate said Saturday.

The disaster during a violent thunderstorm that roared through Islam's holiest city late Friday afternoon was the deadliest incident in years surrounding the hajj, which gets underway in full later this month.

Images shared on social media showed a horrifying scene. The crane boom pierced through the roof of the mosque, bringing down slabs of reinforced concrete and leaving bodies lying amid pools of blood on the polished mosque floors as frightened survivors screamed in panic.

The director general of civil defense, Suleiman bin Abdullah al-Amro, told satellite broadcaster Al-Arabiya that the unusually powerful winds that toppled the crane also tore down trees and signs as a storm whipped through the area.

He denied reports that lightning brought down the red-and-white crane, which was being used for the mosque's expansion, or that some of those killed died in a stampede.

"The speed of the wind was not normal," he said. "There

was no way for people to know that the crane was about to collapse for them to scramble," he added.

An amateur video circulating online, however, appeared to show a frantic scramble in the moments after the crane collapsed as scores of people pushed and jostled one another in a struggle to get out.

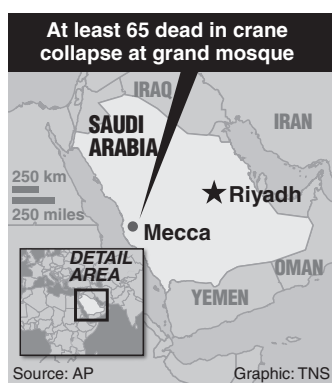
At least 238 people were injured in the accident, according to civil defense figures.

Authorities did not provide details on the victims' nationalities, but it was likely that the tragedy will touch several countries.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry expressed his condolences and said the U.S. stands with Saudi Arabia and "all Muslims around the world in the aftermath of this dreadful incident at one of Islam's holiest sites."

The Grand Mosque and the cube-shaped Kaaba within it draw Muslims of all types from around the world throughout the year, though numbers increase significantly in the run-up to the hajj. The mosque is Islam's holiest site, and Muslims the world over pray in the direction of the Kaaba, which is also at the heart of the hajj rituals.

Performing the pilgrimage during one's lifetime is a duty for all able-bodied adult Muslims. This year's pilgrimage is expected to start around Sept. 22.



Egypt's government resigns amid corruption probe

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's government resigned Saturday in the face of intense criticism from state-friendly media that reflects growing discontent but stops short of faulting President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi, the former general who led the overthrow of an Islamist president two years ago.

The office of the president said he accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Ibrahim Mehleb and his Cabinet but that the ministers would continue to serve until a new body is appointed. El-Sissi tasked Petroleum Minister Sherif Ismail

with forming a new Cabinet within a week.

Prior to handing in his resignation, Mehleb provided a report detailing the performance of the government, which two officials from the president's office said el-Sissi found "unsatisfying." The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to brief reporters.


Egypt's president is generally in charge of major affairs of state while the prime minister, whom he appoints, handles day-to-day running of the government.

El-Sissi in recent months has had to perform tasks that normally should fall to Mehleb, such as arranging meetings with ministers and negotiating business deals with foreign investors, according to the two officials. Mehleb also failed to pressure his ministers into following through on memorandums of understanding that el-Sissi signed during a much-publicized economic summit in March, they said.

The country's private media, while lavishing praise on el-Sissi, have slammed the govern-

ment in recent weeks, accusing ministers of incompetence and of being out of touch with ordinary citizens suffering from years of turmoil since the 2011 uprising that toppled longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

"El-Sissi and the armed forces are responsible for the accomplishments we see," said Ibrahim Eissa, a prominent journalist and popular TV host, who called Mehleb and his Cabinet a "burden" on the president. "All of the ministers that failed were Mehleb's choices," Eissa told viewers earlier this week.



DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In Celebration of His New Life


†JERRY BEN McVICAR

Was born to life on July 2, 1944 and was called to eternal rest on August 29, 2015.

Funeral service will be held at 9:00am to 11:00am at the Marpi Veteran Cemetery on September 18, 2015.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated.

From Mrs. McVicar & Children, Julie Barry & Carey Guthormsen



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Life & Style

Trump gets rich with his humorous 'Tonight Show' turn

NEW YORK (AP)—Donald Trump clarified, sort of, a long-standing question about his personality during an appearance on Friday's "Tonight Show."

Host Jimmy Fallon asked him, playfully, if the billionaire developer and GOP presidential front-runner has ever apologized for anything.

"I fully think apologizing is a great thing," the famously self-assured Trump replied before winning the studio audience's applause by adding: "But you have to be WRONG. ... I will absolutely apologize sometime in the hopefully distant future if I'm ever wrong."

That's how it went, with both Fallon and the audience eating out of his hand.

In what passed as one of the segment's more serious moments, Fallon asked what Trump was doing on the campaign trail that his Republicans aren't to win support from voters.

"I think they want our country to be respected again," Trump said. "I think they feel that if I'm president, I will do some great things for our country, and we're gonna be respected again.... There's a movement going on, and it's



In this image released by NBC, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, left, appears with host Jimmy Fallon during a taping of "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," on Friday, Sept. 11, 2015, in New York.

amazing to watch."

Trump's interview session with Fallon was remarkably similar to a comedy sketch that had Fallon impersonating Trump, complete with orange wig, as they faced one another on opposite sides of a picture frame, as if one of them were the other's mirror image.

In this setting, Trump could be interviewed by the only person he deems worthy of the task—himself.

"How are you gonna create great jobs in this country?" asked Fallon-as-Trump during the exchange.

"I'm just gonna do it," Trump replied.

"But how?"

"By doing it. It just happens!" "Geeeenius!" exclaimed Fallon-Trump.

During the real, desk-and-sofa interview, Trump shared his vision as president for America: "We have to become rich again, and we're going to become great again." The

crowd cheered.

Trump's guest shot on the NBC show was taped only hours after he tweeted that he had purchased NBC's half of the Miss Universe Organization, giving him full ownership and completing a divorce begun in June when NBC announced it was ending its relationship with its co-investor in the beauty pageants and the host of its long-running "The Celebrity Apprentice."

In June, the network had announced it would sever ties with Trump because of comments he made about Mexican immigrants during his campaign kickoff remarks.

"What's refreshing," Fallon told him, "is, you're off-the-

cuff, you get yourself in a lot of trouble sometimes.

"I think you dig yourself a hole sometimes, a deep hole, and then instead of getting out of the hole, you just dig deeper. And if you keep digging, eventually you might come out in China and be the president of China."

As the interview drew to a close, Fallon proposed a new campaign song for Trump to consider. Pressing a key on his MacBook, he brought to life a pounding anthem by DJ Khaled called "All I Do Is Win."

"What do you think?" asked Fallon.

"Honestly," Trump beamed, "it happens to be 100 percent true."

'Game of Thrones' reigns at creative arts Emmy Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Game Of Thrones" is the Emmy Awards front-runner after winning a leading eight technical achievement awards.

The HBO fantasy saga was honored at Saturday's creative arts Emmys, the precursor to the main Sept. 20 ceremony, in categories including special visual effects and casting.

FX Networks' "American Horror Story: Freak Show," was next with five awards.

The creative Emmys also recognized guest actors for drama and comedy series, with trophies going to Reg E. Cathey for "House of Cards"; Margo Martindale for "The Americans"; Joan Cusack for "Shameless"; and Bradley Whitford for "Transparent."

"Bessie," a biopic about Bessie Smith starring Queen Latifah as the great blues singer, was honored as best made-for-TV movie.

"The Jinx: The Life And Deaths Of Robert Durst," about a privileged New Yorker under a cloud of suspicion in connection with three murders, was honored as best documentary or nonfiction series.

A taped version of the creative arts ceremony will be telecast Saturday, Sept. 19, on the FXX channel. Next week's ceremony with acting, writing and other awards will air live on Fox with host Andy Samberg.

HBO won a leading 29 Emmys on Saturday, followed by NBC with 11. Other tallies included FX Networks with eight awards; ABC, Cartoon Network, Comedy Central, Fox and PBS with four each; and Amazon, CBS, Discovery Channel and Netflix with three each.

A&E Networks received the Governors Award in recognition of its corporate social responsibility programs.

China's 'Monster Hunt' is country's biggest grossing film

BEIJING (AP)—A Chinese live-action animation film has knocked "Fast & Furious 7" off the perch of the country's biggest grossing movie of all time—the first homegrown film to do so since the mainland reopened its market to Hollywood movies in 1994.

"Monster Hunt," a movie about a baby monster whose life is under threat, had earned 2.428 billion yuan (\$382 million) by Friday since its debut on July 16, according to the of-

ficial Xinhua News Agency on Saturday.

The latest in the fast car "Furious" franchise had pulled in a total of 2.426 billion yuan (\$381 million) in the mainland market by May.

Xinhua said "Monster Hunt" is the first domestic film to reach the top spot since 1994, when the Communist authorities lifted a ban on Hollywood movies.

"Fast & Furious 7," called "Furious 7" in the U.S., had taken the highest grossing

movie accolade in China from "Transformers: Age of Extinction." Before "Transformers," the 2010 film "Avatar" held that distinction.

China's rapidly growing box office continues to make records. The State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television said earlier this month that China's box office so far this year has already outstripped the total for 2014.

By Sept. 5, box office rev-

enue had reached 30.09 billion yuan (\$4.73 million), up 48 percent compared with the same period last year, and higher than 2014's total of 29.639 billion yuan (\$4.66 million).

Domestic films have already made 18 billion yuan (\$2.9 billion) this year, up 73 percent on last year, according to the administration. They are helped by authorities limiting the number of screens for foreign movies during prime movie-going holiday periods.

Girlfriend turning down travel may be turned out as well

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, "Ashley," and I have been dating for three years. Every year I ask her to go on a trip with me to St. Louis where my parents live. It's a weekend trip my parents sponsor for our entire family, and it involves a Cardinals baseball game. Every year she refuses to go.

When she invites me on her family fishing trip to New Mexico, I go. When I ask why she won't do the same for my family trips, she makes excuses like she doesn't want to get up early. Most people in my family are early risers. Ashley is not. I tell her she can sleep as long as she likes; no one will care.

I believe there is something else that Ashley isn't telling me. I have expressed my unhappiness about this, but it does no good. I am to the point of just ending this relationship. I don't understand her reluctance. I really want her to come with me and spend more time with my family. What can I do?

MYSTIFIED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR MYSTIFIED: Has Ashley met your family? If the answer is no, she may be afraid she won't fit in or that they won't like her for some reason. Unless you can get her to open up and tell you exactly why she won't go, you will never be able to convince her.

Because this has become such a sore point, you need to tell your girlfriend that her inflexibility has become a deal-breaker. But if you do, you may have to be prepared to follow through.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for eight years, and my husband is a wonderful spouse when it comes to almost everything. My complaint may seem shallow, but please hear me out.

A couple of years back, he started buying me potted plants rather than cut flowers because "you get more for your money." He buys me plants three or four times a year, and after receiving the third one I asked him to please go back to cut flowers. I neither like house plants nor do I want something I must find a place for in our yard. Despite this, he continues to buy me potted plants every time. Each time he says he "forgot" I don't want them.

I don't want to seem ungrateful, but I am really frustrated. Today I received my 10th one. I suppose I seem like a jerk, but I really don't understand why he keeps buying me the one thing I asked him not to buy. Your thoughts?

KATHY IN WASHINGTON

DEAR KATHY: You appear to have married a man who is not only practical, but also unimaginative when it comes to gift-buying. That he would continue to buy you something you

DEAR ABBY

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have repeatedly told him you would prefer not to have seems the opposite of considerate to me. (On the other hand, many women would be glad that their spouse remembered any special occasion.)

Suggestion: The next time it happens, put HIM in charge of watering, replanting and caring for the plant, and things may change.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

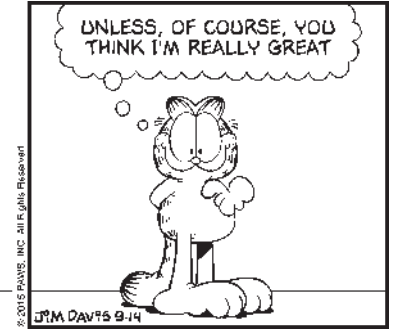
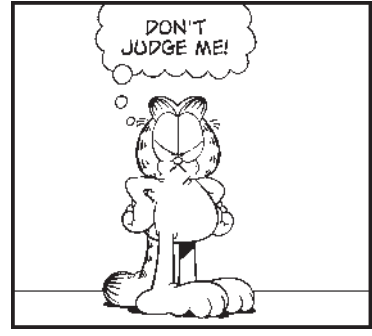
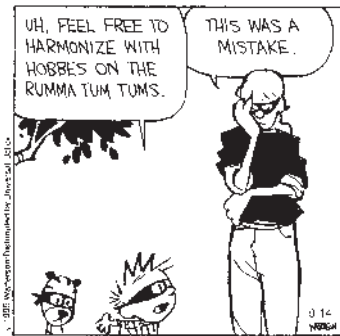
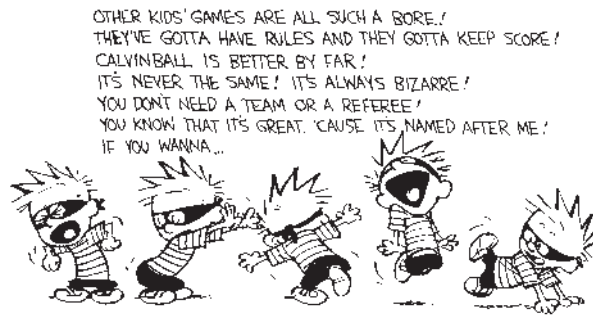
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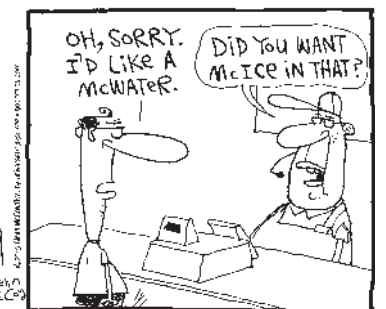
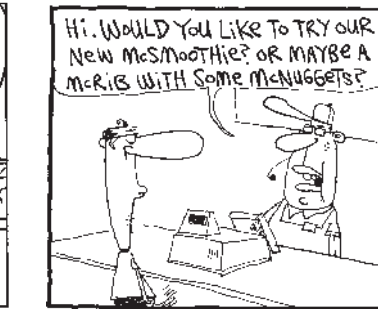


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Friday's answer 9-14

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kim-berly Williams-Paisley, 44; Melissa Leo, 55; Cal-lum Keith Rennie, 55; Sam Neill, 68.

Happy Birthday: Keep an open mind and find the drive required to get things done. Don't let anyone restrict your chances to advance by putting too many demands on your time. Empty promises will not help you reach your destination. Take care of the responsibilities that belong to you and decide what you want to accomplish. Your numbers are 3, 8, 13, 23, 27, 38, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Refuse to let negativity take over when positive action is what will help you advance. Personal partnerships are favored, along with changes to the way or where you live. Don't wait for things to come to you. Initiate progress. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Assess and organize your strategy. A short trip or talks with someone who can help you broaden your options will make you feel more confident about the choices you make. Don't neglect your physical well-being. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): An idea you have will bring you closer to a better future. Your charm, compassion and ability to follow through will be impressive, and the feedback you receive will give you the courage to make the changes that will improve your daily life. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Try some-thing different or look for new ways to improve old means and methods of doing

things at home and at work. Don't let emotional matters spin out of control. Listen carefully and refrain from offering a negative response. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't sit back when change is what you need in your life. Use your charisma and energetic, can-do attitude to make your dreams come true. Travel and communication are highlighted and will lead to opportunities you won't want to miss. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take your time and go over details carefully. Gather information and be moderate rather than go into debt or take on the impossible. Hearsay is not a good foundation to base your decisions on. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emotions will rise to the surface, making this an ideal time to let your feelings be known and to bring about changes that will improve your relationships with the people you love or have to deal with daily. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your personal opinions out of the workplace. Your best option is to be as productive as possible. The help you offer to a colleague or superior will ensure your advancement. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone will make you look bad or offer you inaccurate information to lead you astray. Use your ingenuity and take care of business matters on your own. Positive changes at home or to the way you live should be put into play. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take control, and don't let what others say or do detract you from following your gut feeling. There is money to be made if you negotiate on your own behalf. Sudden and unusual changes can be expected while traveling or dealing with competitive people. ★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll have some great ideas that can help you with an investment or health issue of concern. Good fortune is within reach if you share your thoughts and plans with someone you love. Romance is in the stars. ★★★★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone will lure you off course. Before you follow an unrealistic path, question the motives of the person you are dealing with. Take stock of your goals and invest in yourself, not in what someone else is pursuing. Don't take a risk. ★★★

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

		4		8		2		6		
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7				4		5	1	8		
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Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

5	1	3	4	8	6	2	7	9
9	4	7	5	1	2	3	6	8
2	8	6	7	3	9	5	1	4
1	2	4	6	7	8	9	3	5
6	3	5	9	2	1	4	8	7
8	7	9	3	4	5	1	2	6
7	9	1	8	5	3	6	4	2
3	5	8	2	6	4	7	9	1
4	6	2	1	9	7	8	5	3

Difficulty Level ★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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Solution: 13 letters

A	E	R	B	E	A	U	T	Y	N	N	E	P	L	M
T	R	E	O	A	I	M	A	M	M	A	M	R	S	U
A	E	T	I	M	J	E	R	S	E	Y	B	O	Y	S
I	I	A	S	G	E	P	E	A	R	L	M	D	M	I
V	L	E	I	E	E	O	L	E	S	O	A	U	P	C
A	O	H	N	C	H	N	M	A	Z	H	C	C	H	A
R	M	T	G	L	O	C	R	A	Y	C	B	T	O	L
T	E	I	L	U	J	N	R	A	N	A	E	I	N	S
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L	N	E	T	R	U	I	E	E	S	C	H	N	H	A
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T	A	T	N	A	I	B	A	L	E	T	P	F	M	K
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C	O	M	P	O	S	E	R	S	C	A	R	M	E	N
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Blue Jays sweep Yanks to open 4 1/2-game AL East lead



NEW YORK
(AP) — The Toronto Blue

Jays opened a season-high 4 1/2-game lead in the AL East, sweeping a doubleheader from the sagging New York Yankees 9-5 and 10-7 on a sodden Saturday when Troy Tulowitzki cracked a shoulder blade and Marcus Stroman won in his return from a spring training knee injury.

Jose Bautista homered twice, Chasen Shreve forced in three runs with bases-loaded walks in the 11th inning, and the Blue Jays rallied from a 4-1 deficit in the opener. Bautista hit two of Toronto's four home runs, including an eighth-inning drive off Dellin Betances that put the Blue Jays ahead 5-4 and increased his season total to 35. Edwn Encarnacion and Revere also connected for the Blue Jays.

Cliff Pennington hit a two-run homer and former-Yankee Russell Martin added a two-run double in a six-run second inning against Ivan Nova that boosted the Blue Jays in the rain-interrupted nightcap before only a few thousand fans who stayed from the original crowd of 46,278. Brett Gardner hit a pair of three-run homers for New York in the second game and homered three times in the doubleheader.

Giants 8, Padres 0

In San Francisco, Madison



Bumgarner lost his bid for a perfect game on a base hit with two outs in the eighth inning, the only blemish for the San Francisco ace in a win over San Diego.

Bumgarner (18-7) retired his first 23 batters before pinch-hitter Melvin Upton Jr. sent a clean single up the middle. The left-hander received a warm ovation from the disappointed crowd of 41,564 and then went right back to work.

Red Sox 10, Rays 4

In St. Petersburg, Fla., David Ortiz homered twice to become

the 27th player in major league history to reach 500 homers, and Boston beat Tampa Bay.

With an overflow crowd in the right-field stands on their feet and chanting "Let's go Papi!," Ortiz reached the milestone when he lined a shot to right-center on a 2-2 pitch from Matt Moore (1-4) leading off the fifth. He connected for No. 499 in the first.

Royals 14, Orioles 6

In Baltimore, Mike Moustakas hit two home runs, including a grand slam, and finished with a franchise-record nine RBIs to

lead Kansas City.

Moustakas singled home two runs in the sixth inning, hit his second career slam in the seventh and capped his record-setting performance with a three-run drive in the ninth.

Marlins 2, Nationals 0

In Miami, Jose Fernandez returned from the disabled list and became only the third pitcher since 1914 to win his first 16 career decisions at home as Miami beat fading Washington.

Pitching for the first time since he was sidelined by a right biceps strain Aug. 7, Fer-

nandez (5-0) threw five innings, allowed two hits and struck out seven.

Mets 6, Braves 4

In Atlanta, Kelly Johnson drove in the tiebreaking run in the ninth inning. Yoenis Cespedes homered for the eighth time in 11 days and NL East-leading New York won its sixth straight.

New York, which trailed 1-0 in the first, leads the majors with 14 comeback wins since Aug. 1. Since July 1, the Mets are 25-11 on the road, best in the majors over that span. They padded their division lead over Washington to 9 1/2 games with 20 games to play.

Reds 4, Cardinals 2, comp. of susp. game Reds 5, Cardinals 1

In Cincinnati, Skip Schumaker hit a three-run homer, rookie Anthony DeSclafani pitched six strong innings and Cincinnati beat St. Louis for the second time in the day.

The first-place Cardinals have lost the first three games of the four-game series. Their lead over Pittsburgh in the NL Central fell to 2 1/2 games.

Pirates 10, Brewers 2

In Pittsburgh, Jeff Locke pitched one-run ball into the seventh inning and Michael Morse hit a pinch-hit grand slam as Pittsburgh tightened up the NL Central race.

The Pirates drew within 2 1/2 games of first-place St. Louis, the closest Pittsburgh has been since it was two games back at the All-Star break after winning three in a row at home against the Cardinals.

White Sox 8, Twins 2

In Chicago, Adam Eaton had three hits, Carlos Sanchez hit a two-run double and Chicago used a seven-run fourth inning to beat Minnesota.

Trevor Plouffe had two hits and an RBI for the Twins, who began the day one game behind

AP
Toronto Blue Jays' Jose Bautista (19) and Edwin Encarnacion high five at home plate after scoring on Russell Martin's double off of New York Yankees starting pitcher Ivan Nova in the second inning in Game 2 of a doubleheader baseball game at Yankee Stadium, Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015, in New York.

Texas in the race for the second AL wild card.

Phillies 7, Cubs 5

In Philadelphia, pinch-hitter Cody Asche hit a walk-off, two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning to lead Philadelphia.

The Cubs dropped to three games back of Pittsburgh for the top NL wild-card spot with just their second loss in their last nine.

Athletics 5, Rangers 3

In Arlington, Texas, Mark Canha had a three-run homer and Danny Valencia a two-run shot in the fifth inning, leading Oakland past Texas.

Despite the loss, the Rangers gained a half-game on the AL wild card-leading Yankees, who were swept in a doubleheader by Toronto but hold a three-game edge. The Rangers remained a game ahead of Minnesota for the second wild card.

Angels 3, Astros 2

In Anaheim, Calif., C.J. Cron hit a tiebreaking home run to lead off the eighth inning and Los Angeles pulled to 3 1/2 games behind Houston in the American League West.

Cron greeted Will Harris (5-3) with a drive to center field on a 1-1 pitch for his career-high 12th homer. Joe Smith (5-5) pitched a scoreless eighth and Huston Street worked a 1-2-3 ninth for his 35th save in 39 attempts.

Mariners 7, Rockies 2

In Seattle, Robinson Cano, Jesus Montero, Franklin Gutierrez and Nelson Cruz all homered to lead Seattle past Colorado.

Cano's deep homer to right in the second inning opened the scoring and set a milestone. It was the 50th extra-base hit of the season for Cano, who is one of five players to have least 50 extra base hits in each of his first 11 seasons.

Dodgers 9, Diamondbacks 5

In Phoenix, Corey Seager had four hits, including his first career homer, as Los Angeles went deep four times in a win over Arizona.

Joc Pederson, Adrian Gonzalez and Carl Crawford also homered for the Dodgers.

Seager, playing shortstop with veteran Jimmy Rollins only available for pinch-running duty because of injured finger, had three RBIs, scored three times and stole a base.

Same old Brady, Gronk in NFL opener; with a new controversy



FOXBOROUGH, Mass.
(AP)—Not much new in the NFL season opener.

Tom Brady was unstoppable, and so was Rob Gronkowski.

Some unheralded players put on New England jerseys and looked like stars.

The opposing coach, Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin, raised suspicions about something untoward going on at Gillette Stadium.

A 28-21 victory for the Patriots wasn't nearly that close, and the sellout crowd of 66,829, braving a persistent rain Thursday night, got just about everything it wanted. The pregame ceremony celebrated New England's four Super Bowl crowns; Brady was behind center after his four-game suspension from the NFL in the deflated balls saga was vacated by a federal judge; and the home team unveiled some new weapons.

"I was pretty excited," said Brady, who has 161 wins as a starting quarterback, most in NFL history. "I think the regulars around here always can be pretty excited, especially running out there in pregame."

"You have one week and you put everything you can into it

for that one three-hour performance."

Brady certainly put in everything the Patriots could hope for, which does not bode well for the rest of the NFL. Nor do some of the other things we saw against the undermanned and generally ineffective Steelers.

GRONK: Gronkowski was dynamic with five catches for 94 yards and touchdowns of 16, 6 and 1 yard. He broke a tackle after catching a short pass in the flat on the first score; beat two defenders into the back of the end zone for the 6-yarder; and recovered a fumble by running back Dion Lewis at the Steelers 1 before his final score.

The All-Pro tight end had not played in the preseason

"It was the first game of the year and I'm not going to say I was in top-notch shape," he said. "It's different when you go out there and play for real versus other opponents that are very good. I'm definitely a little rusty in some spots."

Sounds ominous. So does having another dangerous tight end, Scott Chandler, to complement him. Chandler had a 1-yard TD catch.

WHO'S THAT?: Not an un-

usual question around the Patriots, who've gotten contributions from obscure players throughout their successful run. Remember Malcolm Butler in the Super Bowl; the Seahawks surely do. Or running back Jonas Gray from his one-hit wonder last season?

Thursday night it was Dion Lewis, a fourth-year running back out of Pitt signed away from the Eagles as a free agent, and rookie center David Andrews, who was not drafted. Andrews stepped in for regular snapper Bryan Stork, who is injured, and did a very solid job. Lewis followed Andrews and several other young blockers up front to gain 69 yards rushing and 51 receiving.

"We had eight rookies play and they all contributed," coach Bill Belichick said. "Hopefully they'll get better."

SAY WHAT?: Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin isn't saying the Patriots messed around with Steelers coaches' headsets in the first half. He's just saying it does seem to happen a lot when he plays in New England. "We were listening to the Patriots radio broadcast for the majority of the first half on our headsets," Tomlin said.

Tomlin told reporters that Pitts-

burgh coaches "always" have trouble with their communication systems in New England.

A league spokesman said the interference was "caused by a stadium power infrastructure issue, which was exacerbated by the inclement weather."

And the Patriots said they had problems with their headsets, too.

"We deal with that, it seems like, weekly," Belichick said.

Other teams in the league have been suspicious of the Patriots at least since 2007, when the league caught coach Bill Belichick illegally tapping opposing coaches' signals. The team's reputation took another hit last season when the Indianapolis Colts questioned whether the footballs New England used in the AFC title game were properly inflated.

TORN CURTAIN: Pittsburgh's defense never looked formidable. At times, it was more of a Steel Sieve than a Steel Curtain.

Brady had wide-open receivers nearly all night, going 25 of 32 for 288 yards. Lewis had his big production.

"I thought we got a little frazzled at times," Tomlin said. Some of the young people have got to get better in a hurry."

MGA joins drive to help elementary schools

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The Marianas Golf Association joined other local organizations that are throwing their support to the community, which is on the road to recovery after being pummeled by Typhoon Soudelor last month.

MGA secretary Geri Dela Cruz said the idea came up during a meeting of their officers last Wednesday to discuss their upcoming Ace of the Month.

"MGA always talks about how we can give back to the community. We've done it in other ways such as assisting NMC (Northern Marianas College) with the golf tourna-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Marianas Golf Association members are lending their helping hand to elementary school students after making a donation to a fundraising drive.

the members' participation in the monthly club tournaments and their annual club membership fee."

She added that they might have to cut back on their expenses for MGA's year-ending banquet.

"But it's okay. It's for a good cause. We want every MGA member to know that it was from their participation in this club, that we as a group, made this donation to the community," Dela Cruz ended.

MGA was established three years ago and now has 30 active members made up of young and seniors, rookies and veterans, and men and women CNMI residents who enjoy playing golf.

Atalig is MGA's president with Joey Dela Cruz as vice president, Geri Dela Cruz as secretary, Benavente as treasurer, Chandler Deloatch as tournament director, and Jerry Ayuyu as handicap chairman.

ment since the proceeds benefits education of our only post secondary institution here in the CNMI," Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune*.

Dela Cruz said at first they were thinking of picking one school to be the recipient.

"As for the donation, we talked about how we will sacrifice

all club fees paid at an ace of the month tournament, use the existing club funds to payout winners, and donate the entire amount to purchasing school supplies."

"The next morning, [MGA vice president] Joey Dela Cruz, heard on KKMP that they were doing a drive for school supplies in that it was going to be evenly distributed to all elementary schools."

Dela Cruz added Joey, her brother, called her the next day to inform her that a local radio station is doing a fundraising

campaign to also help elementary schools.

"[Joey] called me and said, 'Hey, KKMP is doing a school supplies drive, how about we donate on behalf of MGA to this drive instead of picking one school as a recipient.' So I called our president, J.J. Atalig, and checked our, treasurer [James Benavente], regarding our funds and we agreed to donate \$500 to this cause."

Dela Cruz said they did not hold a special tournament for the donation and the amount was made "possible from all

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final 30 minutes of the match.

The CNMI gave up an early goal to Chinese-Taipei, which lit up the board in the fifth minute. The Luam Khen Koo-coached squad then made some defensive adjustments to keep Chinese-Taipei from scoring.

"We held them off until the last few seconds of the first half when they scored their second goal. Their players were very skilled and strong," Chambers said.

In the second half, the Commonwealth players held their ground in the first 10 minutes before Chinese-Taipei got its third goal, while the fourth one came in the closing minutes of

the match.

After dueling Chinese-Taipei, the CNMI's U14 watched the remaining games last Thursday.

"Taipei played its second game of the day against Guam. Guam started off good and held Taipei off a little longer than we did for the first goal but once Taipei got their rhythm, there was no stopping them. By the end of the first half, we saw Taipei score eight goals. Most of our players left at halftime to go get warm or go watch Hong Kong play," Chambers said.

Meanwhile, the Teen Ayuyus were scheduled to play North Korea yesterday morning for their last match in the tournament, however results of that game were unavailable at press time and will be

reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Tuesday edition.

Before facing its toughest foe in the festival, the CNMI got to watch North Korea play last Thursday.

"We walked over and watched the second half of the China vs. North Korea game. By the time we got there Korea had scored two goals and China had not scored. Both were very fast teams, but Korea is much more technical and aggressive. We will have our hands full when we play them on Sunday (yesterday)," said Chambers, who is now in Laos along with Izuka, Austria, Abragan, and Capayas to join the CNMI U16 National Team that is competing in the AFC U16 Championship India 2016 Qualifiers.

remaining in the match.

Hard Kulangot sued for time and when the game resumed, Barrios quarterbacked for his squad and teamed up with Ibanez for the backdoor play and the eventual game-winning basket.

Red Rice also called a timeout in the final 16 seconds of the match, but failed to get the needed basket, as Angelo Fernando's short jumper rattled off the rim. Red Rice got another chance when the ball hit De Dios' back in the battle for the offensive rebound. Fernando did the inbound play, but his bounce pass under the basket intended for Cabanas was intercepted by Lontoc, who dribbled away from Red Rice defenders as time expired.

Jerome Pollisco top-scored for Hard Kulangot with his 13 points, knocking in 5 straight to give his team its biggest lead,

39-32, with eight minutes left in the match, which resumed at the 16:50 mark of the second half after its suspension last Sept. 6.

A Red Rice 10-0 run off two charities each from Fernando and Barbo, Cabanas' back-to-back layups, and a jumper from the former turned the tables on Hard Kulangot, 42-39.

Hard Kulangot then stopped the bleeding, thanks to De Dios' drive, while Loctoc added another field goal to regain the upper hand, which they lost anew as they played erratic in the last three plays before Ibanez redeemed himself in the end.

Hard Kulangot 45 – Pollisco 13, Barrios 12, Lontoc 10, Ibanez 7, De Dios 2, Cultura 1.

Red Rice 44 – Fernando 16, Barbo 13, Cabanas 8, Saplan 7.

Scoring by halves: 25-24, 45-44.

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while Bryan Lontoc had a crucial steal to lift Hard Kulangot to a 3-1 record for a tie for first place with Makaloro Lang and Wag Kang Pabebe.

Ibanez made a reverse layup under the basket after getting a lob from Barrios from the top of the key, with 16 seconds left in the game. Ibanez's field goal made up for his back-to-back errors in the last two minutes of the match. He earlier threw an errant crossover pass to Barrios in a fastbreak play and later lost possession to Michael Cabanas at the backcourt. Cabanas then issued a pass to a cutting Darwin Barbo, who drove strong to the basket and was fouled by Marlon De Dios. Barbo drilled the two charities to put Red Rice on top, 44-43, with 33 seconds

and was joined in the starting 11 by Euly Ermitanio, Jonathan Capayas, Alan Hinson, Mareko Tekopua, Alex Park, Louie Calayag, Emmanuel Aniana, Sunjoon Tenorio, Edwin Kim, and Chad Shankweiler. Joshua Abragan, Thaipi Austria, and Anthony Fruit also suited up for the CNMI as substitutes in the

second half.

The second half was another busy one for Timor-Leste, which pulled away early after scoring three goals in 12 minutes. Forward Danilson Araujo gave the former Portuguese colony its second goal in the game in the 49th minute, while fellow forward Armindo Vieira

Track resurfacing to be delayed

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Resurfacing of the decades-old Oleai track facility is expected to be further delayed as the Northern Marianas Sports Association has yet to finalize its assessment report on the damage sustained by the CNMI's lone sports complex from Typhoon Soudelor.

NMSA would submit the report to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which will give federal funds for the repairs to be done inside the complex.

The track and field inside the sports complex, though, suffered minimal damage with the track resurfacing the only major thing that needs to be done.

NMSA vice president Kurt Barnes said they are still waiting for the architectural and engineering design. "The A&E still is not finished. When it is there will be a 30 day announcement to find a contractor."

Northern Marianas Housing Corp. deputy corporate director Zenie P. Mafnas, in an earlier interview, said they are expecting the A&E design to be com-

pleted next month.

The notice to proceed for the A&E design has already been issued last July 29 and the sub-recipient agreement has also been signed.

"The contract completion time will be 90 days thereafter. Construction should happen thereafter. Therefore, given the bidding process and construction, the estimated time for the actual construction to be completed is either in March or April 2016," said Mafnas.

"[That is] if the 120-day project period still stands, granted there are no unexpected circumstances which would require a change order," Mafnas added.

The NMHC is only the funding agency for the Oleai track facility's resurfacing project after NMSA applied for a Community Development Block Grant.

NMSA has the sole responsibility of taking care of the entire land inside the Oleai Sports Complex.

NMSA executive director Tony Rogolifo said that they reached an agreement with the Department of Public Lands and the Department of Com-

munity and Cultural Affairs designating the whole land of the Oleai Sports Complex to the Commonwealth's sports governing body.

The land is currently designated to DDCA, however, it is stipulated in the Agreement for Designation of Use of Public Domain Lands: that, DCCA (Grantee of the land), will assume the overall responsibility for the public land parcel on which NMSA will renovate, develop, and manage a Sports Complex and other structures incidental to the operation of the sports facility."

NMHC said that NMSA is the sub-recipient of \$965,000 where 80 percent of the amount will be allocated for the resurfacing while the 20 percent or \$193,000 will be allotted for administrative work.

Resurfacing is needed on the track after bubbles and black patches formed around the facility. NMSA is also preparing the facility in time for hosting bid by the Northern Marianas Athletics on the regional athletics championship and the staging of the 2021 Pacific Mini Games.

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confident," Chambers added.

Aninzo made a lot of saves in the first half that the crowd began cheering for him after each defensive stops, according to the Teen Ayuyus team manager.

Aninzo played without relief

knocked in back-to-back goals in the 51st and 57th. Defender Jelito Corte-Real scored the first goal for Timor-Leste at the 44:37 mark of the opening half.

Forwards Joao Da Sila Freitas and Yafet Barros, defender Orcelio Moises, and midfielder Dom Lucas were the other scorers for Timor-Leste

with the former finding the back of the net in the 66th and 88th minute. Lucas hit the board in the 70th minute, while Barros and Moises got their goals in the 72nd and 81st, respectively.

Meanwhile, Laos won the other game in the opening day after dominating the Philippines, 1-6.

The five teams in Group G of the qualifiers took a breather yesterday and matches will resume today with the CNMI taking on Malaysia at 4pm (7pm Saipan time) and Timor-Leste facing the Philippines at 7pm.

The top finisher in the group after the pool play will advance to the championship.



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CNMI shuts down Guam



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The starting 11 of the CNMI U14 National Team pose for a photo before their game against China in the AFC U14 Regional Festival of Football 2015 last Wednesday at the National Football Training Centre in Beijing.

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The CNMI U14 National Team made it to the win column in the AFC U14 Regional Festival of Football 2015 after blanking Guam, 4-0, last Saturday at the National Football Training Centre in Beijing, China.

According to a report that reached team manager Derek Chambers, Jonah Pohl led the Teen Ayuyus' victory, as he nailed a hat-trick in the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association-backed squad's penultimate match in the weeklong event. Other details of the CNMI-Guam tiff were unavailable at press time.

The win over Guam came two days after the Teen Ayuyus scored their first goal in the festival against Chinese-Taipei. Incidentally, it was also Pohl who recorded the lone goal for the CNMI, which eventually fell to Chinese-Taipei, 1-4.

"Sometime in the last 10 minutes of the game, goalkeeper John Bucayo made a long kick from the goal box, sending the ball right into the defensive line. Jonah got a head on the ball, which then bounced off a couple of our players (with Jonah saying Andruw Omelau was involved some-

how), landing just past their defense. Chinese-Taipei's goalie came out to meet the ball, but Jonah got a little tap on it that sent the ball into the goal for CNMI's first goal of the festival," Chambers said.

Pohl was part of the Teen Ayuyus' starting unit, joining forces with goalie Clayton Izuka, Cole Cham-



bers, David Mafnas, Jonathan Capayas, Joshua Abragan, Joshua De Leon, Thaiph Austria, Eddie Cho, Dai Podziewski, and Leandro Bichayda. Omelau came off the bench early in

the second half, while Logan Mister, Mark Esalan, and Sebastian Manabat also had the opportunity to play in the

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SIDEBAR

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The CNMI U16 National Team lost its opening game in the AFC U16 Championship India 2016 Qualifiers after bowing to Timor-Leste, 0-8, last Saturday at the National Sports Complex Stadium in Vientiane, Laos.

The Teen Ayuyus had their defensive game going the majority of the opening half before Timor-Leste

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Coach Kiyoshi Sekiguchi talks to members of the CNMI U16 National Team before their game against Timor-Leste in the AFC U16 Championship India 2016 Qualifiers last Saturday at the National Sports Complex Stadium in Vientiane, Laos.



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Teen Ayuyus drop U16 opener

managed to scored goal in the closing seconds of the first 45 minutes of play. Timor-Leste went on to find its form in the second half to cruise to victory.

"The boys did not allow a goal almost the entire first half until the last 30 seconds when Timor-Leste was able to break through our defense. The second half was not as kind to the CNMI, as Timor-Leste scored seven more goals. They were not easy goals for Timor-Leste though. They had to work very hard to get past our defense," team manager Derek Chambers said.

"Our goalie Chris Aninzo played especially well. At breakfast today (Sunday), one of the coaches from Philippines came to our table to say how impressed he was with our goalie. He thought Chris was very skilled and

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Hard Kulangot extends streak

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Hard Kulangot stretched its winning run to three after slipping past Red Rice, 45-44, in the continuation of their suspended game in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League last Saturday at the Navy Hill court.

Marlo Ibanez nailed the go-ahead basket off a feed from J.R. Barrios,

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Hard Kulangot's J.R. Barrios drives to the basket and is challenged by Red Rice's Darwin Barbo, left, and Michael Cabanas, right, while the former's teammate Bryan Lontoc waits for the pass underneath the basket during their game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging last Saturday at the Navy Hill court.